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Introduction to R

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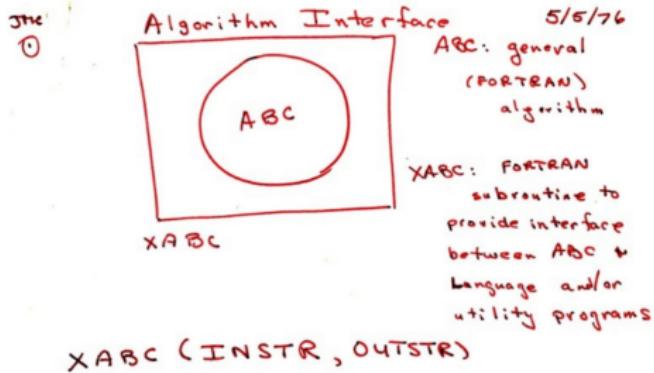
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- R is a **software environment for statistical computing and graphics** distributed freely at **CRAN** under a GPL 2/3 licence.



- Created in the 90's in the spirit of S (from the 70's):
 - interactive console and graphical windows
 - efficient domain specific language
 - glue with compiled code
- Statistical analysis, visualization and data manipulation...
- and interfacing... and reporting...

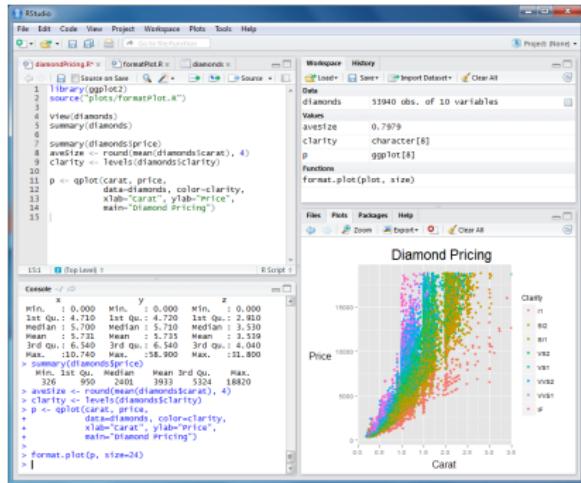
- Main features:

- available under many OS (Unix, Linux, OS X, Windows...),
- dedicated to statistical analysis and visualization,
- and data manipulation, reading/writing, reporting... (more than 80% of the time is spent on data preparation)
- more than a statistical environment (SPSS, SAS, ...) a powerful programming language
- made of a **core** and a huge number of **packages** (collection of functions often calling external code)
- easy interfacing with many (all?) languages: C, Fortran, Java, Python, JavaScript, C++, ...
- and many (all?) databases : MySQL, PostgreSQL, Oracle, MS SQL, mongodb, HBase, ...
- and many big data framework: Hadoop, Spark, H2O...

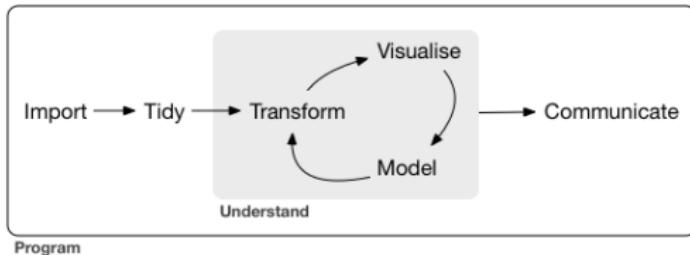
- R is an **interpreted** language
 - it requires a dedicated program, the **R** interpreter, to execute its commands
 - != **compiled** language, such as C or C++, where the code has to be converted in machine language by a compiler before it can be executed.
- Language:
 - functional
 - object based (everything in **R** is an object!)
 - weak typing and no formal variable declaration
- Exploit vector structure:
 - vectorized computations
 - reduced number of loops
- Focus on the short developing time... rather than on raw performance
- Ever growing number of users and developers
 - state of the art methodologies / technologies

R and Rstudio

R



- Interaction with the data in a console
- Programming/scripting via text file
- Rstudio: successful IDE
 - Free version at <http://www.rstudio.com>
 - Literate programming with R Markdown and Notebooks
- Other IDE exists: Visual Studio, Emacs. . .



- Collection of packages to simplify the life of **R** users:
<https://www.tidyverse.org/>
- Principle:
 - functional programming, uniformized syntax, pipe
 - *tidy* dataset
- Large number of packages
 - Programming: **purrr**, **testthat**, ...
 - Input/Output: **readr**, **haven**, ...
 - Data.frame: **tibble**, **dplyr**, ...
 - Object/vector manipulation: **lubridate**, **stringr**, **forcats**, ...
 - Graphics: **ggplot2**, **ggraph**...

- CRAN: <http://cran.r-project.org>
- R-bloggers: <https://www.r-bloggers.com/>
- Rweekly: <https://rweekly.org/>
- **swirl** package
- Books, MOOC...

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- Main repository at CRAN : <https://cran.r-project.org/>
- Installation with the **Packages** in RStudio, or in the console with:

```
install.packages("ibr")
```

- Loading with `library()` or `require()` :

```
library(ibr)  
require(ibr)
```

- Namespace can be explicitly used:

```
ibr::ibr(...)
```

Finding Help

Basics



- **Help** tab in RStudio
- ? or help() with the name of a function or a package

```
?mean  
help(stats)
```

- ?? for a research on a theme

```
??mean
```

- Main object types:
 - **null** : NULL
 - **logical** (Boolean) : TRUE, FALSE
 - **integer** : 1, 2, 10
 - **numeric** : 1, 10.5, 1e-10
 - **complex** : 2+0i
 - **character** (string) : 'bonjour', "hello"
 - **factor** (factor) : see later...
- Main data structures :
 - **vector** : sequence of same type elements (and **matrix**, **array**),
 - **list** : sequence of possibly different type,
 - **data.frame**: **list** of **vector**(s) of the same size.

- `ls()` or `objects()` lists the objects in memory (**Environment** tab in RStudio)
- Assignment (binding) with `<-` (rather than `=`) with an implicit typing

```
ls()
```

```
## character(0)
```

```
x <- 2
```

```
ls()
```

```
## [1] "x"
```

- Concatenation with `c`
- Object structure with `str`

```
y <- c(x, 1, "A")
```

```
y
```

```
## [1] "2" "1" "A"
```

```
str(y)
```

```
## chr [1:3] "2" "1" "A"
```

- Suppression with `rm()`
- Existence test with `exists()`

```
x <- 1 ; y <- 2 ; z <- 3  
objects()
```

```
## [1] "x" "y" "z"
```

```
rm(x, z)  
objects()
```

```
## [1] "y"
```

```
exists("y")
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
exists("z")
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

- **vector**: finite sequence of same type elements
- Creation / Concatenation

```
x <- c(2, -5, -6, 9) # concatenate  
x # to print x (or print(x))
```

```
## [1] 2 -5 -6 9
```

```
y <- c(1, 2)  
z <- c(x, y)  
z
```

```
## [1] 2 -5 -6 9 1 2
```

```
c("a", "b")
```

```
## [1] "a" "b"
```

- (Sub)Sequence with [: result is a vector

```
x[c(1,3)] # explicit indices list  
## [1] 2 -6  
  
x[-3] # indices exclusion list  
## [1] 2 -5  9  
  
x[(x %% 2 == 0] # logical selection  
## [1] 2 -6  
  
x[c(1,1,1)] # indices can be repeated  
## [1] 2 2 2
```

- Extraction with `[[`: result is a unique element

```
x[[1]]
```

```
## [1] 2
```

- **Rk** : for vectors, a unique element is a vector of size 1!

```
x[[1]] == x[1]
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

- Assignment :

```
x  
## [1]  2 -5 -6  9  
  
x[c(1,2)] <- c(1,4); x  
## [1]  1  4 -6  9  
  
x[x %% 2 == 0] <- 0 # implicit value reuse  
                      # if left hand side vector length  
                      # is a multiple  
x                         # of right hand side vector length  
## [1] 1 0 0 9
```

```
x[[1]] <- 3; x # unique element assignment
## [1] 3 0 0 9
x[5] <- 10; x # automatic vector growth
## [1] 3 0 0 9 10
```

- Useful vector creation command:

```
1:5
```

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

```
1:0
```

```
## [1] 1 0
```

```
1:-1
```

```
## [1] 1 0 -1
```

```
seq(1, 6, by = 2)
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5
```

```
seq(1, 6, by = .1)
```

Vectors

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```
## [1] 1.0 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 1.6 1.7 1.8 1.9 2.0
## [12] 2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5 2.6 2.7 2.8 2.9 3.0 3.1
## [23] 3.2 3.3 3.4 3.5 3.6 3.7 3.8 3.9 4.0 4.1 4.2
## [34] 4.3 4.4 4.5 4.6 4.7 4.8 4.9 5.0 5.1 5.2 5.3
## [45] 5.4 5.5 5.6 5.7 5.8 5.9 6.0

rep(1, 4)

## [1] 1 1 1 1

rep(c(1, 2), each = 3)

## [1] 1 1 1 2 2 2
```

- Length

```
length(x)
```

```
## [1] 5
```

- Properties

```
is.numeric(x); is.vector(x)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

- Named vectors

```
z <- c(a = 2, bb = 3, c = 4); z  
##  a bb  c  
##  2  3  4  
  
z[c("a","bb")] # result is a named vector  
##  a bb  
##  2  3  
  
z["bb"]  
## bb  
##  3
```

Vectors

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```
z[["bb"]] # result is an unnamed vector
## [1] 3
names(z)
## [1] "a"  "bb" "c"
names(z) <- c("aa", "bb", "cc"); z
## aa bb cc
## 2 3 4
```

- Matrix and array: multi dimensional extension of vectors

```
M <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6), nrow = 2, ncol = 3)  
M # columnwise order
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
## [1,]     1     3     5  
## [2,]     2     4     6
```

```
M[1,c(1,2)]
```

```
## [1] 1 3
```

```
M[1,]
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5
```

Vectors

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```
M[, -2]
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]     1    5
## [2,]     2    6
```

```
M[[1, 2]]
```

```
## [1] 3
```

Vectors

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```
A <- array(c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8), dim = c(2,2,2)); A  
## , , 1  
##  
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]     1     3  
## [2,]     2     4  
##  
## , , 2  
##  
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]     5     7  
## [2,]     6     8
```

Vectors

Basics



```
A[1,,2]  
## [1] 5 7  
A[[1,1,2]]  
## [1] 5
```

- **list**: finite sequence of possibly different type elements
- Creation:

```
mylist <- list(c(1, 5, -3), y)
mylist <- list(myvect = c(1, 5, -3), myy = y,
               myfact = c("a", "b")) # named list
```

- Concatenation:

```
c(mylist, list(c(2,3))) # concatenation of 2 lists
```

```
## $myvect
## [1] 1 5 -3
##
## $myy
## [1] 1 2
##
## $myfact
## [1] "a" "b"
##
## [[4]]
## [1] 2 3
```

Lists

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```
c(mylist, c(2,3)) # concatenation of 3 lists!
```

```
## $myvect
## [1] 1 5 -3
##
## $myy
## [1] 1 2
##
## $myfact
## [1] "a" "b"
##
## [[4]]
## [1] 2
##
## [[5]]
## [1] 3
```

- Sub(Sequence): result is a list

```
mylist[c(1,3)]
```

```
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 5 -3  
##  
## $myfact  
## [1] "a" "b"
```

```
mylist[-1]
```

```
## $myy  
## [1] 1 2  
##  
## $myfact  
## [1] "a" "b"
```

```
mylist[c("myvect", "myy")]
```

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```
## $myvect
## [1] 1 5 -3
##
## $myy
## [1] 1 2

mylist[c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)]
```

```
## $myvect
## [1] 1 5 -3
##
## $myfact
## [1] "a" "b"
```

```
mylist[1] # a list of length 1!  
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 5 -3
```

- Extraction with [[(and \$) : result is a single element of corresponding type

```
mylist[[1]]  
## [1] 1 5 -3  
mylist[["myfact"]]  
## [1] "a" "b"
```

```
mylist$myfact  
## [1] "a" "b"  
  
mylist$myv # partial matching  
## [1] 1 5 -3  
  
mylist$my # only if not ambiguous!  
## NULL
```

- Use \$ with care (and not in regular code)

● Assignment

```
mylist  
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 5 -3  
##  
## $myy  
## [1] 1 2  
##  
## $myfact  
## [1] "a" "b"
```

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```
mylist[1:2] <- list(c(1,2,3), c(1,3)); mylist  
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 2 3  
##  
## $myy  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myfact  
## [1] "a" "b"
```

```
mylist[1] <- c(1,2); mylist # attempt to replace a sublist
## Warning in mylist[1] <- c(1, 2): number of items
## to replace is not a multiple of replacement length
## $myvect
## [1] 1
##
## $myy
## [1] 1 3
##
## $myfact
## [1] "a" "b"
```

Lists

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```
mylist[1] <- list(c(1,2)); mylist  
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 2  
##  
## $myy  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myfact  
## [1] "a" "b"
```

Lists

Basics



```
mylist[[1]] <- c(1,3); mylist # replace the first element  
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myy  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myfact  
## [1] "a" "b"
```

Lists

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```
mylist$myfact <- c("c", "d"); mylist
```

```
## $myvect
## [1] 1 3
##
## $myy
## [1] 1 3
##
## $myfact
## [1] "c" "d"
```

```
mylist$mynewelement <- c("new"); mylist # add an element  
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myy  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myfact  
## [1] "c" "d"  
##  
## $mynewelement  
## [1] "new"
```

```
mylist$mynewelement <- NULL; mylist # remove an element  
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myy  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myfact  
## [1] "c" "d"
```

- Attributes

```
length(mylist)
```

```
## [1] 3
```

```
names(mylist)
```

```
## [1] "myvect" "myy"     "myfact"
```

- List of lists

```
lists <- list(mylist, alist = list(c(2,3)))
                    # a named list of 2 elements:
                    # a named list of 3 elements
lists
                    # and a list of 1 element

## [[1]]
## [[1]]$myvect
## [1] 1 3
##
## [[1]]$myy
## [1] 1 3
##
## [[1]]$myfact
## [1] "c" "d"
##
##
```

Lists

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```
## $alist
## $alist[[1]]
## [1] 2 3

length(lists)

## [1] 2
```

```
          # list of 1 element
lists[1]  # a named list of 3 elements

## [[1]]
## [[1]]$myvect
## [1] 1 3
##
## [[1]]$myy
## [1] 1 3
##
## [[1]]$myfact
## [1] "c" "d"
```

Lists

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```
lists[[1]] # a named list of 3 elements
```

```
## $myvect
## [1] 1 3
##
## $myy
## [1] 1 3
##
## $myfact
## [1] "c" "d"
```

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```
lists$list # a list of 1 element  
## [[1]]  
## [1] 2 3
```

Lists

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```
lists[[1]][1:2] # a named list of 2 elements
```

```
## $myvect  
## [1] 1 3  
##  
## $myy  
## [1] 1 3
```

```
lists[[1]][[2]] # a single element
```

```
## [1] 1 3
```

```
lists[[1]]$myvect
```

```
## [1] 1 3
```

```
lists$list[[1]]
```

```
## [1] 2 3
```

- **data.frame**: named list of vector of same size (cf columnar database with matrix flavor)
- Creation

```
v1 <- c("F", "M", "M", "F", "M"); v2 <- c(27, 54, 34, 21, 57)
v3 <- c(177, 183, 190, 158, 178)
data <- data.frame(sex=v1, age=v2, height=v3); data

##   sex age height
## 1   F   27    177
## 2   M   54    183
## 3   M   34    190
## 4   F   21    158
## 5   M   57    178
```

- Concatenation

```
weight <- c(60,65,89,45, 68)
cbind(data, weight = weight)
```

```
##   sex age height weight
## 1   F   27    177     60
## 2   M   54    183     65
## 3   M   34    190     89
## 4   F   21    158     45
## 5   M   57    178     68
```

```
data2 <- data.frame(age = 44, sex = "F", height = 180)
rbind(data, data2)

##   sex age height
## 1   F   27    177
## 2   M   54    183
## 3   M   34    190
## 4   F   21    158
## 5   M   57    178
## 6   F   44    180
```

- (Sub)data.frame: result is a data.frame

```
data[1,]  
##   sex age height  
## 1   F   27    177  
  
data[1,1:2]  
##   sex age  
## 1   F   27  
  
data[1:2,]  
##   sex age height  
## 1   F   27    177  
## 2   M   54    183  
  
data[1:2, c("sex", "height")]
```

```
##   sex height
## 1   F    177
## 2   M    183
```

```
data[, "sex", drop = FALSE] # R cleverness
```

```
##   sex
## 1   F
## 2   M
## 3   M
## 4   F
## 5   M
```

```
data[2, "height", drop = FALSE] # R cleverness  
##   height  
## 2    183
```

- Extraction: result is a vector

```
data[, "sex"] # implicit simplification!
```

```
## [1] F M M F M  
## Levels: F M
```

```
data[2, "height"] # implicit simplification!
```

```
## [1] 183
```

Data Frames

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```
data[["sex"]]  
## [1] F M M F M  
## Levels: F M  
  
data[[1]]  
## [1] F M M F M  
## Levels: F M  
  
data[["height"]][2]  
## [1] 183  
  
data$heigh # partial matching  
## [1] 177 183 190 158 178
```

- Assignment

```
data[1,"sex"] <- "M"  
data  
##   sex age height  
## 1   M   27    177  
## 2   M   54    183  
## 3   M   34    190  
## 4   F   21    158  
## 5   M   57    178
```

```
data[1, ] <- data.frame(sex = factor("F"),
                        age = 44,
                        height = 180) # order matters

data

##   sex age height
## 1   F   44    180
## 2   M   54    183
## 3   M   34    190
## 4   F   21    158
## 5   M   57    178
```

Data Frames

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```
data$heightm <- data[["height"]] / 100; data

##   sex age height heightm
## 1   F  44    180    1.80
## 2   M  54    183    1.83
## 3   M  34    190    1.90
## 4   F  21    158    1.58
## 5   M  57    178    1.78
```

- Properties

```
dim(data)
## [1] 5 4
colnames(data)
## [1] "sex"      "age"       "height"    "heightm"
rownames(data) # not mandatory...
## [1] "1" "2" "3" "4" "5"
```

- Summary

```
summary(data) # generic function
```

```
##   sex      age      height
##   F:2    Min.   :21   Min.   :158.0
##   M:3    1st Qu.:34   1st Qu.:178.0
##             Median :44   Median :180.0
##             Mean   :42   Mean   :177.8
##             3rd Qu.:54   3rd Qu.:183.0
##             Max.   :57   Max.   :190.0
## 
##   heighthm
##   Min.   :1.580
##   1st Qu.:1.780
##   Median :1.800
##   Mean   :1.778
##   3rd Qu.:1.830
##   Max.   :1.900
```

- **tibble** and **dplyr** provide a modern framework for `data.frame`.
- **tibble**: stricter version of `data.frame`

```
data <- as_tibble(data)
data

## # A tibble: 5 x 4
##   sex     age height heightm
##   <fct> <dbl>  <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 F        44     180     1.8 
## 2 M        54     183     1.83
## 3 M        34     190     1.9 
## 4 F        21     158     1.58
## 5 M        57     178     1.78
```

Dplyr Basics

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```
data[,1]
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 1
##   sex
##   <fct>
## 1 F
## 2 M
## 3 M
## 4 F
## 5 M
```

- **dplyr**: set of *verbs* to work on (grouped) tibble

```
glimpse(data)
```

```
## Observations: 5
## Variables: 4
## $ sex      <fct> F, M, M, F, M
## $ age      <dbl> 44, 54, 34, 21, 57
## $ height   <dbl> 180, 183, 190, 158, 178
## $ heightm  <dbl> 1.80, 1.83, 1.90, 1.58, 1.78
```

Dplyr Basics

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```
data %>% group_by(sex) %>%
  summarize(mean_height = mean(height),
            max_age = max(age))

## # A tibble: 2 x 3
##   sex    mean_height max_age
##   <fct>      <dbl>     <dbl>
## 1 F          169       44
## 2 M          184.      57
```

Missing Values

Basics



- Missing values are handled in R with the NA symbols

```
x <- c(1, 3, 2, 7, -3, NA)
is.na(x)

## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE

which(is.na(x))

## [1] 6

mean(x, na.rm = TRUE)

## [1] 2
```

Missing Values

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```
mean(x[!is.na(x)])  
## [1] 2  
  
x[is.na(x)]=0  
data[1,4]=NA  
is.na(data)  
  
##          sex    age height heightm  
## [1,] FALSE FALSE  FALSE     TRUE  
## [2,] FALSE FALSE  FALSE    FALSE  
## [3,] FALSE FALSE  FALSE    FALSE  
## [4,] FALSE FALSE  FALSE    FALSE  
## [5,] FALSE FALSE  FALSE    FALSE
```

Missing Values

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```
which(is.na(data))
## [1] 16
which(is.na(data), arr.ind = TRUE)
##      row col
## [1,]    1    4
```

- Qualitative variable: **factor** (or **ordered**)
- Function **as.factor()**:

```
f <- c("A", "B", "A")
f <- as.factor(f)
f
```

```
## [1] A B A
## Levels: A B
```

```
levels(f) # levels
```

```
## [1] "A" "B"
```

```
nlevels(f) # number of levels
```

```
## [1] 2
```

```
relevel(f, ref = "B") # reference level
```

```
## [1] A B A
## Levels: B A
```

#(cf variable coding)

- Quantization in class with **cut()**

```
x <- 1:10
f <- cut(x, breaks=c(1,2,4,10), include.lowest=TRUE)
f
## [1] [1,2] [1,2] (2,4] (2,4] (4,10] (4,10]
## [7] (4,10] (4,10] (4,10] (4,10]
## Levels: [1,2] (2,4] (4,10]
```

- Fusion/renaming of **levels()**

```
levels(f)  
## [1] "[1,2]"  "(2,4]"  "(4,10]"  
  
levels(f) <- c("[1,4]", "[1,4]", "(4,10)")  
f  
## [1] [1,4]  [1,4]  [1,4]  [1,4]  (4,10) (4,10)  
## [7] (4,10) (4,10) (4,10) (4,10)  
## Levels: [1,4] (4,10)
```

- **forcats** package...

- Numerous import/export function:
 - CSV: `read.table`, package **readr**
 - Excel: package **readxl**
 - SPSS, Stata, SAS: package **haven**, **foreign**
 - Python: **feather**
 - ...
- Database connectors:
 - SQL: **RMySQL**, **ROracle**, **RPostgreSQL**, **RSQLite**,
RSQLServer (MS SQL Server),... (DBI)
 - Generic: **RJDBC** (generic connection via java), **RODBC**,
odbc...
 - NoSql: **mongolite**, **sergeant** (drill)...

- Usual syntax

- open a connection with `dbConnect()`
- request with `dbGetQuery()`
- close the connection with `dbDisconnect()`

```
library(DBI)
conn <- dbConnect("RMySQL", host = "myserver",
                  port = 123, dbname = "database",
                  user = "eric", password = "aqw")
res <- dbGetQuery (conn, "SELECT * FROM matable")
dbDisconnect(conn)
```

- **dbplyr:**

- allows to use a remote table as if it was local
- `tbl(conn, ...)` + dplyr command: create an action plan.
- `collect()` to retrieve the data in R / `compute()` to store it in the DB

- **RData:**

- `save()`/`load()` allows to write/read one or more objects with their names
- Compressed format with extension **.RData**
- Beware of name clash!

```
x <- 1:10; l <- list(a = 1, b = LETTERS[1:3])
save(x, l, file = "data.RData")
load(file = "data.RData")
```

- **RDS:**

- `saveRDS()`/`readRDS()` allows to write/read a single object.
- Compressed format with extension **.RDS**
- No name issue

```
x <- 1:10
saveRDS(x, file = "data.RDS")
y <- readRDS(file = "data.RDS")
```

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```
if (condition1) {  
    print("condition1 is true")  
} else if (condition2) {  
    print("condition1 is false but condition2 is true")  
} else {  
    print("both conditions are false")  
}
```

- A condition should return a (**and only one**) logical value (TRUE/FALSE)
 - A numerical value is considered as TRUE except if it is equal to 0

```
ifelse(condition_vector, true_vector, false_vector)
```

- For each i , look at `condition_vector[i]` and output accordingly `true_vector[i]` or `false_vector[i]`

```
x <- 1:2  
ifelse(x%%2 == 0, 0, x)      #> [1] 1 0
```

- Rk: `if_else` from `dplyr` better handles some corner cases (attributes/NA)

switch

Condition and Loop



- A different conditional branching:

```
res <- switch(value,
               case1 = result1,
               case2 = result2,
               case3 = result3,
               otherwise)
```

```
fonction <- "mean"
x <- rnorm(100)
res <- switch(fonction,
               mean = mean(x),
               median = median(x),
               sum = sum(x))
res
## [1] 0.150541
```

Logical Operators

Condition and Loop



- ==, !=, >, <, >=, <=

```
x <- 1

x == 1    # TRUE
x != 1    # FALSE
x < 1     # FALSE

vx <- c(1, 2)
vx != 1 # FALSE TRUE
```

Logical Operators

Condition and Loop



- `any` : TRUE if at least one condition is TRUE

```
x <- c(1:10)
```

```
any(x == 10) # TRUE  
any(x > 10) # FALSE
```

- `all` : TRUE if all the conditions are TRUE

```
x <- c(1:10)
```

```
all(x <= 10) # TRUE  
all(x < 10) # FALSE
```

Logical Operators

Condition and Loop



- `%in%` : TRUE for any elements belonging to the left-hand set

```
x <- "Rennes"  
x %in% c("Rennes", "Brest") # TRUE
```

```
x <- c("Rennes", "Paris")  
x %in% c("Rennes", "Brest") # TRUE FALSE
```

- `is.vector`, `is.data.frame`, `is.list`, ...

```
x <- c(1:10)  
  
is.vector(x) # TRUE
```

Logical Operators

- `!` : Negation of a condition

```
x <- 1
y <- 10

(x == 1 & y == 10)    # TRUE
!(x == 1 & y == 10)   # FALSE
```

- `&` : (vectorwise) AND operator (TRUE if and only if both conditions are TRUE)

```
(x == 1 & y == 10)    # TRUE
(x == 1 & y == 9)     # FALSE
```

Logical Operators

Condition and Loop



- `|`: (vectorwise) OR operator (TRUE if and only if at least one condition is TRUE)

```
(x == 1 || y == 10)    # TRUE
(x == 1 || y == 9)    # TRUE
(x == 2 || y == 9)    # FALSE
```

- `&&` and `||`: left to right examination of only the first element of each condition!
- `xor` : exclusive 'OR' (TRUE if and only if only one condition is TRUE)

```
xor(TRUE, FALSE) # TRUE
xor(TRUE, TRUE)  # FALSE
```

- May be inefficient:
 - Call overhead
 - Memory allocation issues
- Use with care in **R**
- Favor **vectorization** and **apply family** (more on this later)

for

- Loop along elements in a vector

```
for(variable in elements){  
  ...  
}  
  
for (lettre in LETTERS[1:2]) {  
  print(lettre)  
}  
  
## [1] "A"  
## [1] "B"
```

- Repeat **while** a condition is true
 - if the condition is FALSE at the beginning, nothing happens
 - if it is always TRUE, endless loop!

```
while(condition){  
  ...  
}
```

```
x <- 1  
while(x < 4){  
  print(x)  
  x <- x+1  
}  
  
## [1] 1  
## [1] 2  
## [1] 3
```

repeat

Condition and Loop



- Repeat **until** explicit exit:
 - loop is entered once at least.
 - Explicit break to exit

```
repeat{  
  ...  
  if(condition) break  
}
```

```
x <- 1  
repeat{  
  x <- x+1  
  if(x == 3){  
    print("x is equal to 3, let's stop.")  
    break  
  }  
}  
## [1] "x is equal to 3, let's stop."
```

break and next

- `break` : Explicit (and immediate) exit of a `for`, `while` or `repeat` loop
- `next` : Explicit (and immediate) jump to the next `for`, `while` or `repeat` iteration

```
for(i in 1:3){  
  if(i%%2 != 0) {  
    next  
  }  
  print(i)  
}  
  
## [1] 2
```

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Loop and R

Vectorization and
Apply Family



- R in an **interpreted** language
 - function call overhead
- Lack of efficiency of **for** loop!
- **R** mantra: avoid them!
- Think
 - vectorization
 - map/reduce

The fundamental idea behind array programming (vectorization) is that operations apply at once to an entire set of values. This makes it a high-level programming model as it allows the programmer to think and operate on whole aggregates of data, without having to resort to explicit loops of individual scalar operations. (Wikipedia)

- Many *loop* computation can be *vectorized* using dedicated operators:
 - vectorwise operator, matrixwise operator
 - data.framewise operator
- Gain of performance due to
 - inner use of **C**, **C++**, **Fortran** code
 - inner use of optimized libraries (**BLAS**, **LAPACK**, **FFTW**...)

Toy Example: Summing Two Vectors

Vectorization and
Apply Family



```
x <- rnorm(100000)
y <- rnorm(100000)
res <- rep(0, 100000)

# sum with a loop
system.time(for(i in 1:100000){
  res[i] <- x[i] + y[i]
})

##      user    system elapsed
## 0.010    0.000    0.012

# vectorized sum
system.time(res2 <- x + y)

##      user    system elapsed
## 0        0        0

identical(res, res2)
## [1] TRUE
```

Vectorization Examples

Vectorization and
Apply Family



- vector/matrix operation

```
x <- matrix(ncol = 2, nrow = 2, 1)
y <- matrix(ncol = 2, nrow = 2, 2)
z <- x * y
z

##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]    2    2
## [2,]    2    2
```

- data.frame operation

```
data <- data.frame(x = 1:10, y = 100:109)
data$z <- data$x + data$y
head(data, n = 2)

##   x   y   z
## 1 1 100 101
## 2 2 101 103
```

Apply Family

Vectorization and
Apply Family



- Often loop correspond to the application of the same independent process to several pieces.
- **Apply family** can replace efficiently the **for** loops
 - `lapply`: apply a function to each element of a list and output a list
 - `sapply/vapply`: apply a function to each element of a list and output a *structured* value
 - `mapply`: apply a function element wise to several vectors/lists.
 - `apply`: apply a function to each line/column of a matrix (or an array) or `data.frame`
 - `rapply`: recursive `apply`.
- **purrr** provides a unified interface with the `map` function family.

lapply, sapply

```
lapply(X, FUN, ...)
```

```
sapply(X, FUN, ..., simplify = TRUE, USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

- X : a vector or a list
- FUN : the function to apply to the elements of X
- \dots : supplementary arguments of the function
- $simplify$: Boolean or character specifying if or how to simplify the list result
- $USE.NAMES$: Boolean. If X is named, should we reuse the names in the result

Examples

- How to compute the mean for each elements?
- the data :

```
x <- list(a = 1:20, b = rnorm(17))

## $a
##  [1]  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9 10 11 12 13 14 15
## [16] 16 17 18 19 20
##
## $b
##  [1]  0.28978803  0.51454331  1.04304124
##  [4]  1.04505491  0.28488767 -1.24231998
##  [7] -1.67973769  0.66495695 -0.55458026
## [10] -1.15120824  0.05729449  0.32591031
## [13] -0.96568433 -0.27885527 -1.26211651
## [16]  1.57334570 -1.46452653
```

Examples



- `lapply` returns a list

```
lapply(x, FUN = mean)
```

```
## $a
## [1] 10.5
##
## $b
## [1] -0.164718
```

- `sapply` simplifies the results in a vector

```
sapply(x, FUN = mean)
```

```
##           a           b
## 10.500000 -0.164718
```

Examples

- How to compute the defaults quantiles, i.e. 5 values by element?
- lapply returns a list

```
lapply(x, FUN = quantile)
```

```
## $a
##      0%     25%     50%     75%    100%
## 1.00  5.75 10.50 15.25 20.00
##
## $b
##           0%             25%             50%             75%
## -1.67973769 -1.15120824  0.05729449  0.51454331
##           100%
## 1.57334570
```

Examples

- `sapply` simplifies the result into a matrix

```
sapply(x, FUN = quantile)

##           a             b
## 0%    1.00 -1.67973769
## 25%   5.75 -1.15120824
## 50%  10.50  0.05729449
## 75%  15.25  0.51454331
## 100% 20.00  1.57334570
```

Examples

- What if the number of returned element varies?

```
la <- lapply(x, FUN = function(elm) elm)
sa <- sapply(x, FUN = function(elm) elm)

identical(la, sa)

## [1] TRUE
```

apply

Vectorization and
Apply Family



```
apply(X, MARGIN, FUN, ...)
```

- X : a matrix or a data.frame (or an array)
- MARGIN : a vector of integer specifying the *dimension(s)* that will be used to slice the data (1: line, 2: column,...)
- FUN : the function to apply
- ... :supplementary arguments to pass to the function

```
x <- cbind(x1 = 3, x2 = c(NA, 4:1, 2:6))
apply(x, 2, mean)                                # mean by column

## x1 x2
## 3 NA

apply(x, 2, mean, na.rm = TRUE)      # with a supp. argument

##          x1          x2
## 3.000000 3.333333
```

purr, map, reduce

Vectorization and
Apply Family



- **tidyverse** version of apply
- `map_*` functions that specify the output format.
- *Pure* functional approach / Map/Reduce framework.

```
x <- list(a = 1:20, b = rnorm(25))
map(x, ~ quantile(., na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
## $a
##      0%     25%     50%     75%    100%
## 1.00  5.75 10.50 15.25 20.00
##
## $b
##           0%          25%          50%          75%
## -1.1962019 -0.4309738 -0.1636642  0.6539324
##           100%
## 1.6072388
```

purr, map, reduce

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```
map_df(x, ~ as_tibble(t(quantile(., na.rm = TRUE))))  
  
## # A tibble: 2 x 5  
##   `0%`   `25%`   `50%`   `75%`   `100%`  
##   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>  
## 1     1     5.75  10.5   15.2    20  
## 2 -1.20 -0.431 -0.164  0.654   1.61
```

purr, map, reduce

Vectorization and
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```
result <- map2_dbl(c(100,1000), c(10,0),  
                    ~ mean(rnorm(.x, .y)))  
  
result  
## [1] 9.89447394 -0.02288114  
  
reduce(result, `+`)  
## [1] 9.871593
```

- **Rk!** Map and Reduce exist in base R

(Embarassingly) Parallel Computation

Vectorization and
Apply Family



- `lapply` type functions are ideal for parallel computation:
 - independent computation on each element of the list
 - very simple final combination
- Several parallel (os dependent...) backends are available:
 - **parallel**: `mclapply` (multicore), `parLapply` (cluster)
 - **parallelMap**: `parallelLapply` (local, multicore, socket, MPI, batchjobs)
 - **future**: `future_lapply` (local, multicore, multiprocess, socket, MPI, batchjobs...)

(Embarassingly) Parallel Computation

Vectorization and
Apply Family



- **future** example:

```
library(future.apply)

## Loading required package: future

plan(multiprocess)

## Warning: [ONE-TIME WARNING] Forked processing
## ('multicore') is disabled in future (>=
## 1.13.0) when running R from RStudio, because
## it is considered unstable. Because of
## this, plan("multicore") will fall back to
## plan("sequential"), and plan("multiprocess")
## will fall back to plan("multisession") - not
## plan("multicore") as in the past. For more
## details, how to control forked processing or
## not, and how to silence this warning in future R
## sessions, see ?future::supportsMulticore
```

(Embarassingly) Parallel Computation

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Apply Family



```
future_lapply(x, FUN = mean)
## $a
## [1] 10.5
##
## $b
## [1] 0.04134791
```

(Embarassingly) Parallel Computation

Vectorization and
Apply Family



- **foreach** proposes a second approach based on a sequential %do% loop

```
library(foreach)

## 
## Attaching package: 'foreach'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:purrr':
## 
##       accumulate, when

foreach(i = x) %do% { mean(i) }

## [[1]]
## [1] 10.5
## 
## [[2]]
## [1] 0.04134791
```

(Embarassingly) Parallel Computation

Vectorization and
Apply Family



- This becomes parallel by replacing `%do%` by `%dopar%` and specifying a `do*` backend (`doParallel`, `doMC`, `doFuture`...)

```
library(doFuture)

## Loading required package: globals
## Loading required package: iterators
## Loading required package: parallel

registerDoFuture()
foreach(i = x) %dopar% { mean(i) }

## [[1]]
## [1] 10.5
##
## [[2]]
## [1] 0.04134791
```

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Function definition

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- Syntax:

```
fun <- function(args) expression
```

with

- **fun**: function name
- **args**: list of (named) arguments separated by comma
(`formals(fun)`)
- **expression**: the body of the function, either a single expression
or several between braces (`body(fun)`)

```
test <- function(x) x^2
test                      # function(x) x^2
formals(test)            # $x
body(test)               # x^2
environment(test)        # <environment: R_GlobalEnv>
```

Function definition

Functions



- A function belongs to an environment (a workspace containing variables), most of the time either a package or the global environment **GlobalEnv**. (`environment(fun)`)

- **Default value**

- set with `a =` in the function definition,
- optional variable (beware of the order)

```
test <- function(x = 2, y){  
  x + y  
}  
test(y = 2)
```

```
## [1] 4
```

```
test(x = 2, y = 10)
```

```
## [1] 12
```

Arguments

Functions



```
test(2, 10)
## [1] 12
# test(2) fails!
```

- Some convenient functions to deals with args:
 - `missing(arg)` : return TRUE if arg is not defined
 - `match.arg()` : return a partial match
 - `typeof(arg)`, `class(arg)`, `is.vector()`,
`is.data.frame()`,

```
match.arg("mea", c("mean", "sum", "median")) # "mean"
class(10) # "numeric"
```

Argument evaluation

Functions



- An argument can use a previous one

```
# Simple case
test <- function(x, y = x + 10){
  x + y
}
test(5) # 20
```

Argument evaluation

Functions



```
# More complicated one
test <- function(x,
                  fun = if(class(x) %in% c("numeric",
                                              "integer")){
                    "sum"
                  } else {
                    "length"
                  })
do.call(fun, list(x = x))
}

test(1:10)          #55
test(LETTERS[1:10]) #10
```

Argument evaluation

Functions



- Lazy evaluation: arguments are evaluated only when used inside the function!

Argument evaluation

Functions



```
f <- function(x) {  
  10  
}  
f(stop("This is an error!"))
```

the function returns 10 although the evaluation of its argument is stopped
10

```
# use of force  
f <- function(x) {  
  force(x)  
  10  
}  
f(stop("This is an error!"))
```

Error: This is an error!

Understanding the ...

Functions



- ...: corresponds to arguments not explicitly defined.
- Often use as argument of another function.
- Explicit extraction with *list(...)*

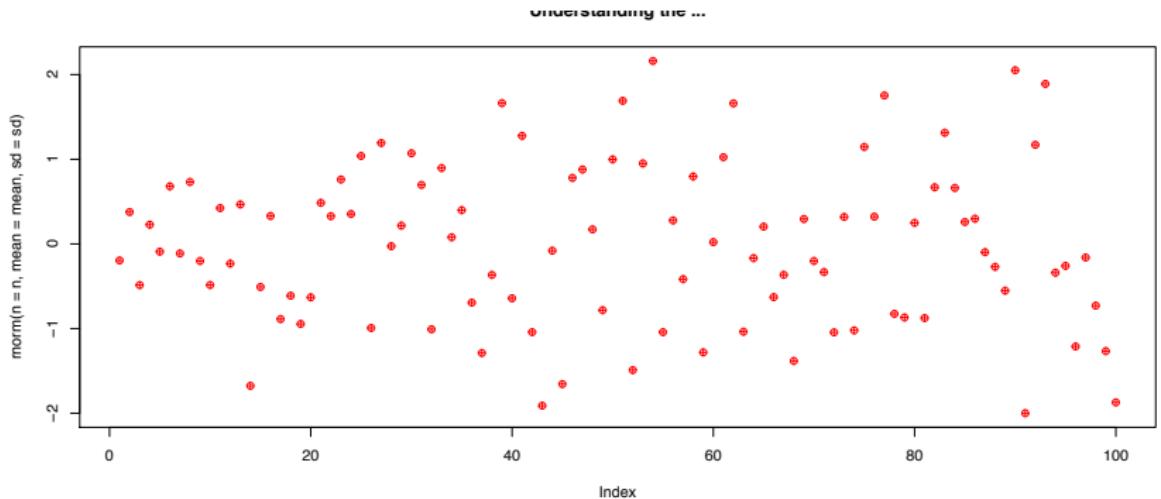
```
viewdot <- function(arg, ...){  
  list(...)  
}  
viewdot(arg = 1, x = 2, name = "name")  
  
#$x  
#[1] 2  
#  
#$name  
#[1] "name"
```

Understanding the ...

Functions



```
rnormPlot <- function(n, mean = 0, sd = 1, ...){  
  plot(rnorm(n = n, mean = mean, sd = sd), ...)  
}  
rnormPlot(n = 100, main = "Understanding the ...", col = "red")
```



Returning a value

Functions



- By default, a function returns its last value:

```
test <- function(x, y = 2){  
  x + y  
}  
test(2)
```

```
## [1] 4
```

```
sum <- test(x = 2, y = 2)  
sum
```

```
## [1] 4
```

- Explicit return before the end with `return()`
- **No need** to use `return()` on the last line.
- To return several values : use a structure (named list, `data.frame`)
- Use `invisible()` to not return anything.

Explicit return

Functions



- Use of `return()`

```
test <- function(x, y = 2){  
  if(y == 0){  
    return(x)  
  }  
  x + y  
}  
test(2)  
## [1] 4
```

invisible return

Functions



- The `invisible()` function > “This function can be useful when it is desired to have functions return values which can be assigned, but which do not print when they are not assigned”

```
test <- function(x, y = 2){  
  x + y  
  invisible()  
}  
  
test(2)  # no print on console  
res <- test(2)  
res      # and NULL result  
  
## NULL  
  
test <- function(x, y = 2){  
  invisible(x + y)  
}  
  
test(2)  # no print on console  
res <- test(2)  
res      # but a result !
```

Several outputs

Functions



- Named list output:

```
test <- function(x, y = 2){  
  list(x = x, y = y)  
}  
test(2)
```

```
## $x  
## [1] 2  
##  
## $y  
## [1] 2
```

- Data.frame output:

```
test <- function(x, y = 2){  
  data.frame(x = x, y = y)  
}  
test(2)  
  
##   x y
```

Local and global variables

Functions



- A variable defined in a function is **local** :
 - it will not exist outside the function
 - it will not replace a variable defined outside.

```
x <- 100
test <- function(x, y){
  x <- x + y
  x
}
```

the function returns 10

```
test(5, 5)
```

```
## [1] 10
```

and x is still equal to 100

```
x
```

```
## [1] 100
```

Variables and environments

Functions



- Non existing variables: basic scenario

```
test <- function(x){  
  x + z  
}  
  
# Erreur, z n'existe pas  
test(5)  
  
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    7    7  
## [2,]    7    7  
  
#> Error in test(5) : object 'z' not found
```

- Beware, use the value found in the first parent environment where the variable is defined!

```
# If z exists in a parent environment, the value will be used
z <- 5
test(5)

## [1] 10
#> 10
```

- Source of errors: it is better to pass **all** the arguments in parameter and not to rely on this mechanism.

Anonymous functions

Functions



- Function without any name (lambda calculus)
 - short function
 - used only once

```
f <- function(x){  
  x + 1  
}
```

```
res1 <- sapply(1:10, f)
```

```
res2 <- sapply(1:10, function(x) x + 1)
```

```
res1
```

```
## [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
```

```
res2
```

```
## [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
```

- Importance of handling possible issues:
 - wrong argument type,
 - non existing files,
 - missing values, infinite values...
- Three possible ways to communicate:
 - `stop()` for a **fatal** error that terminates the execution
 - `warning()` to signal a **potential** issue that should be checked
 - `message()` to communicate something that is **not an issue**.

Communicating Issues

Functions



```
test <- function(x){  
  # For a better error handling  
  if(missing(x)){  
    stop("x is missing. Please enter a valid argument")  
  }  
  if(!class(x) %in% c("numeric", "integer")){  
    x <- as.numeric(as.character(x))  
    warning("x is coerced to numeric")  
  }  
  message("compute x*2")  
  x*2  
}  
try(test())  
  
## Error in test() : x is missing. Please enter a valid arg  
  
test("5")  
  
## Warning in test("5"): x is coerced to numeric  
## compute x*2
```

Handling Errors

Functions



- R stops when it encounters an **unexpected** errors!
- Two possible ways to cope with **expected** errors:
 - `try()` to continue the execution nevertheless
 - `tryCatch()/withCallingHandlers()` to use a specific error handling code

```
test <- sapply(list(1:5,"a", 6:10), log)
#>Error in FUN(X[[2L]], ...):
# non-numeric argument to mathematical function
```

```
test <- sapply(list(1:5,"a", 6:10), function(x) try(log(x)))
test
## [[1]]
## [1] 0.0000000 0.6931472 1.0986123 1.3862944
## [5] 1.6094379
##
## [[2]]
## [1] "Error in log(x) : non-numeric argument to mathematical function"
## attr(,"class")
```

- A good documentation is important:
 - to explain to the users how to use the functions
 - to help the developers (included yourself) to enhance them
- A solution: self documenting code with **doxygen**:
 - easy to use solution used in several programming language
 - available in R with roxygen2
 - use specific syntax starting with #' just after the function header

Roxygen tags

Functions



- @param : for the arguments
- @return : for the output
- @examples : for the examples

```
{  
  #' Name of the function  
  #'  
  #' short description  
  #' on a few lines  
  #'  
  #' @param name : Character. Family name  
  #' @param surname : Character. Given name  
  #'  
  #' @return : Character. Identity  
  #'  
  #' @examples  
  #' # Example of use  
  #' identifier("Thieurmel", "Benoit")  
  identifier <- function(name, surname){  
    paste0("Name :", name, ", Surname : ", surname)  
  }
```

Debugging

Functions



```
> f(10)
Error in "a" + d : non-numeric argument to binary operator
4 i(c) at exceptions-example.R#3
3 h(b) at exceptions-example.R#2
2 g(a) at exceptions-example.R#1
1 f(10)
```

[Hide Traceback](#)
[Rerun with Debug](#)

```
traceback()
# 4: i(c) at exceptions-example.R#3
# 3: h(b) at exceptions-example.R#2
# 2: g(a) at exceptions-example.R#1
# 1: f(10)
```

- Old school : use `print()` in the function.
- Debugger: use R debugger!
 - `traceback()`
 - RStudio GUI
- Profiler:
 - `lineprof` package
 - RStudio GUI

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Freely inspired from Style Guide, by Hadley Wickham

- Good coding style is important :
 - ease the reading and the comprehension of a code
 - favor a collaborative development
 - often associated to an ease of use (standardization)
- No perfect style!
 - use your own (or the one of the project),
 - (try to) keep it.

```
# hard to read
aze=data.frame(cole=rnorm(1000),refdzf=LETTERS[1:2]);ff=
  lapply(split(aze$cole,aze$refdzf),
        function(x){mean(x)});ff
```

```
# Much better!
data <- data.frame(value = rnorm(1000),
                     group = LETTERS[1:2])
mean.group <- lapply(
  split(data$value, data$group),
  function(x){
    mean(x)
  })
mean.group
```

- Use **explicit** names and end them with .R.

# Good	# Bad	0-download.R
modelisation.R	toto.r	1-parse.R

- Add a number prefix to indicate an order in a sequence

00-download.R	
10-parse.R	

- **Short and explicit** names:

- lowercase with _ to separate words (other convention exist)
- avoid . to avoid interaction with some object oriented structure in **R** (or **Java**)
- variables should be **names**, functions should be **verbs**
- avoid special characters...

Good

day_one

day_1

Bad

first_day_of_the_month

DayOne

mean <- function(x) sum(x)

- Add spaces **around** most operators (=, +, -, <-, etc.), **in particular** in function calls.
- Add a space **after** a comma, **not before!**
- Add a space to separate the content in a parenthesis, **except in a function call**.

Good

```
average <- mean(feet / 12 + inches, na.rm = TRUE)
```

Bad

```
average<-mean(feet/12+inches,na.rm=TRUE)
```

- No space **around** :, :: and ::::

Good

```
x <- 1:10
```

```
base:::get
```

Bad

```
x <- 1 : 10
```

```
base :: get
```

```
if (debug) do(x)  
plot(x, y)
```

```
if(debug)do(x)  
plot (x, y)
```

Braces and Indentation

Coding Style



- An opening brace should **always** be followed by a line break.
- A closing brace should be followed by a line break, except in the case of `else` which should be on the same line.
- Code inside should be indented.

Good

```
if (y == 0) {  
    log(x)  
} else {  
    y ^= x  
}
```

Bad

```
if (y == 0) {  
    log(x)  
}  
else{ y ^= x}
```



- Indent the code with two spaces **RStudio shortcut: Ctrl+A, Ctrl+I**
- Exception for function definition:

```
long_function_name <- function(a = "a long argument",
                                b = "another argument",
                                c = "another long argument")
# As usual code is indented by two spaces.
}
```

- Use `<-`, and **never** `=`, to assign an object.

```
# Good
```

```
x <- 5
```

```
# Bad
```

```
x = 5
```

- Use `=`, and **never** `<-`, in named list.

- Comment the code to help the reader!

```
# Load data -----
```

```
# Plot data -----
```

- Use a literate scripting/programming style (**R Markdown / notebook**)

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More on R (Blogs)

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