

Intro to R/Bioconductor

HMS Research Computing



What can you do with R?

- R is a statistical language
- R is free!
- Bioconductor thousands of packages for your workflow
- biomaRt annotate samples
- Heavy duty statistics!
- Make plots!

Course Objectives

- Learn to run R on O2
- Gain familiarity with R language
- Learn to import/export data
- Simple Statistics/Plotting
- Use case: heatmap

Notation

- mfk8@compute-a:~\$
 O2 bash (your console/terminal)
- In R (either personal computer or in O2 running R)
- Blue content: try it out!





R on O2

- Open a high-memory R session better than a desktop!
- Log in to O2 with X11 enabled (important for graphics)
- Mac: Xquartz installed, in console ssh -XY user123@o2.hms.harvard.edu
- Linux ssh -XY user123@o2.hms.harvard.edu
- Windows: MobaXterm has X11 client built-in ssh -XY user123@o2.hms.harvard.edu

O2 Training Accounts

- 50 accounts available
- Username: rc_training## where ## is a number 1-50
- Password: HMS##cluster

For example:

if the number 1 is selected, then you can connect to O2 as

ssh -XY rc training01@o2.hms.harvard.edu



SLURM and O2

- SLURM is how we interact with the cluster
- Simple interactive session:

```
mfk8@login01:~$ srun --pty -p interactive -t 0-12:00 --mem 8G --x11 bash
(where 8G is memory requested)
```

Graphics: SSH Keys!

srun: add --x11

sbatch: add --x11=batch

- Parallel/doParallel, BiocParallel, doMC libraries: run over multiple cores (-c up to 20 cores)
- Rmpi, SNOW, doMPI: run R scripts over multiple nodes (>20 cores)



R Versions

- mfk8@login01:~\$ module spider R
- Why does it matter what version of R you run? Downstream packages may only work with certain versions of R.
- How to load a version of R mfk8@login01:~\$ module load gcc/6.2.0 R/version
- Unloading R module unload R/version
- Starting R from an interactive (not login!) mfk8@compute-a:~\$ R



Managing your R packages on O2

- It is best to manage your own R packages to work with the version of R you select. In doing so, there are no disruptions to your workflow.
- Setting up your O2 R library (1 time, not in .bashrc)

```
mfk8@login01:~$ mkdir -p ~/R-version
mfk8@login01:~$ export R LIBS USER="~/R-version"
mfk8@login01:~$ echo 'R LIBS USER="~/R-version" > $HOME/.Renviron
```

- If you must manually download a package (not through Bioconductor/CRAN etc), put the package in the set up location (/home/mfk8/R-version)
- Accessing packages manually uploaded to your O2 R library (first time)
 - > install.packages("name-of-your-package")



Installing Packages



Bioconductor



- "Bioconductor provides tools for the analysis and comprehension of high-throughput genomic data."
- Fast, easy way to access packages.
- Source Bioconductor: tells R to look at Bioconductor repository for packages
- Top of script:
 - > install.packages("BiocManager")
 - > BiocManager::install()



Installing packages through Bioconductor

Available packages:

http://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/BiocViews.html# Software

- Easy install of new packages:
 - > BiocManager::install("nameofpackage")
 At the top of every R session using the package, it must be called via:
 - > library("nameofpackage")
- Example:
- > BiocManager::install("biomaRt")
 - > library("biomaRt")



Installing packages through CRAN

- CRAN is the Comprehensive R Archive Network
- First time install of a package:
 - > install.packages("name-of-package")

(asks you to select a mirror: pick something from or near the country you're in)

- At the top of every R session using the package, the package must be called via:
 - > library("nameofpackage")

Installing packages through Github

- First, install devtools
- > install.packages('devtools')
- > library(devtools)
- Then, install_github repo/packages
- > install_github("repo/package")

R documentation

- General R help on a function
 - > ?name_of_function
 - > help(name_of_function)
- Learn how to use your package (vignettes open in your web browser)
 - > browseVignettes(package = "name_of_package")
- > ?t.test



Setting your R "working directory"

- Simplifies paths
- What is your current WD?
 - > getwd()
- Setting your WD:
 - > setwd("path")
- An O2 example:
 - > setwd("/home/mfk8/MyDataDirectory")
- A Mac example:
 - > setwd("/Users/mfk8/MyDataDirectory")
- A Windows example (note forward slashes):
 - > setwd("C:/Users/mfk8/My Documents/MyDataDirectory")



R Basics:

- To "print" in R
 Just type a variable or object's name, R will display as much
 as it can
- "Commenting" in R
 # means what appears afterwards is not passed as an argument
- Keep a file of your commands anything from Sublime to Notepad++ to Google Drive notepad: have syntax highlighting
- You can copy-paste multiple times, this overwrites.
- Watch quotation marks (often introduced by Microsoft Word/Powerpoint): R gets fussy with certain smart quotes/fonts

Data Objects



How R Thinks: Variables

- Assign variables with a <- (traditional) or = (new way)
- A variable can be overwritten so be careful with naming
- Names can be UPPER/lowercase/./_ mixes, but can't start with a number

```
> myX <- 5
```

> myX

[1] 5

Data Type: Vectors

- Basic way to store data
- c stands for "concatenate": put these together as a vector

```
>myvector <- c(3,5,7)
```

>myvector

[1] 3 5 7

Vectors Types

- atomic: all the same data type
- numeric:
 - > mynumeric <- c(3,5,7)
- character:
 - > mycharacter <- c("bob", "nancy", "jose")</pre>
 - #note quotation marks " " (single or double fine, try to be consistent)
- logical:
 - > mylogical <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)



Changing Your Vector Type

- General workflow:
 - > variable <- as.type(variable)</pre>
 - > myvector <- as.character(myvector)
 - > myvector

[1] "3", "5", "7" #see how these are now in " " like a character vector

- Applicable to changing between other types
- Where this comes in handy: when R says you are trying to do an operation on your variable that is one type of vector, when it has to be another type. Use wisely.



Data Type: Lists

- Like vectors with mixed data types (numeric, character, logical)
- mylist <- c(3, "TP53", FALSE)
- "unlist"-ing a list tries to coerce the data to an atomic vector of all the same type (lowest common denominator, usually a character)

Data Type: Factors

- Makes a vector nominal (able to be ordered by integers)
- Create a variable "gender" with 2 "male" entries and 4 "female" entries
 - >gender <- c(rep("male", 2), rep("female", 4))
 - >gender <- factor(gender) # stores gender as 2 2's and 4 1's
 and associates</pre>
 - > gender
 - [1] male male female female female
 - Levels: female male
- Now 1=female, 2=male internally (alphabetically)
- R now treats gender as a nominal variable

Data Type: Matrices

- Data must be all the same type (numeric, character, logical)
- Columns must have the same length
- Creation:
 - > mymatrix <- matrix(c(1:6), nrow=3, ncol=2)
- Indexed by [row,column]
 - > mymatrix[1,1] #returns item in row 1, column 1
 - > mymatrix[1,] #returns all of row 1
 - > mymatrix[,1] #returns all of column 1

Data Type: Data Frames

- Subset of matrices allowing mixed types (numeric, character, logical): lists!
- > mydataframe<-as.data.frame(mymatrix)
- You can give columns names so you can index by them >names(mydataframe) <- c("column1name", "column2name")
 - You can use unique identifiers as rownames (no repeats!)
 - > row.names(mydataframe)<-mydataframe[,1]</p>

Dataframes: Indexing/Converting

Can use matrix or \$ notation

- > mydataframe\$column1name #works on column1
- > mydataframe[,1] #works on column1
- > mydataframe["rowname1",] #works on rowname1
- > mydataframe[1,] #works on row 1
- > mydataframe[-1,] #excludes row 1
- To make a data frame into a matrix for certain operations:
 - > mymatrix <- as.matrix(mydataframe) #turns data into all the same type (lowest common denominator is usually character)

Dataframes: indexing shortcut

- "attach" makes names of lists/dataframes accessible without \$
- > attach(mydataframe)
- "detach" when finished
- > detach(mydataframe)

Adding and joining rows/columns

- "rbind" to add a row or another df/matrix to a preexisting dataframe/maxtrix
 - > mymatrix <- rbind(mymatrix, newrow)
 - > mymatrix <- rbind(mymatrix, matrixtwo)
- "cbind" to add a column or another df/matrix to a preexisting dataframe/matrix
 - > mymatrix <- cbind(mymatrix, newcol)
 - > mymatrix <- cbind(mymatrix, matrixtwo)

Useful functions:

- > class(object) #gives object class
- > mode(object) #gives object type
- > length(vector) #gives length
- > dim(object) #gives matrix/dataframe dimensions
- > nrow(object) #gives number of rows
- > ncol(object) #gives number of columns
- > str(object) #gives object structure
- > head(object) #gives first 6 rows
- > tail(object) #gives last 6 rows
- > summary() #quick statistics



Missing Values

- Placeholders
- NA: Not Available
- NaN: Not a Number
- is.na(x) is a logical test for NA/NaN
- is.nan(x) is a logical test for only NaN
- x[!is.na(x)] subsets and excludes NAs

Doing Math



Simple Arithmetic

- > 18 + 22 #addition
- > 18 12 #subtraction
- > 18 * 2 #multiplication
- > 18 / 2 #division
- > 18 %/% 4 #integer part of quotient
- > 18 %% 4 #modulo (remainder)
- > 18 ^ 2 #exponent

Built-in math functions

- > log(10) #natural log (base e)
- > exp(2.302585) #antilog (e raised to power)
- > log10(100) #log base 10
- > sqrt(88) #square root
- > factorial(8) #factorial
- > choose(12, 8) #combinations (binomial coefficients)
- > round(log(10), digits=3) #round to specified digits
- > runif(5) #number of random numbers between 0-1
- > rnorm(5) #random numbers from uniform normal distribution
- > abs(18 / -12) #absolute value





Built-in math functions 2

- > max(object) # max
- > min(object) #min
- > sum(object) #sum
- > mean(object) #mean
- > median(object) #median
- > range(object) #range
- > var(object) #variance
- > sd(object) #standard deviation
- > length(object) #number of values

Series Shortcuts

- Series: colon or "seq"
- > 10:1
- > seq(from, to, by)
- > seq(1, 10, 2) # gives odd numbers
- Repeat
- > rep(what, times)
- > rep(10, 10)

Logical Operations: < > =

Test of condition: returns logical TRUE/FALSE

```
> test1<- c(1,2,3)
```

> test1 > 2

[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE

> test1 >= 2

[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE

> which(test1 >= 2)

[1] 2 3

- > test1[test1 >=2] #subsetting data based on equality condition
- > any(test1 >=5) #FALSE
- > all(test1 >=5) #FALSE



Control Structures



"for" loops

- Way to iterate over data
- R sometimes breaks with complicated "for" "if" "else" loops
- > myvector <- c(1,3,5)
- > j <- NULL #initialize it, good practice
- > newvector <- NULL #initialize it, good practice

```
    > for (i in myvector) {
        j <- i + 20
        newvector <- c(newvector, j)
    }
    > newvector
```

Functions

Way to pack up commands into a repeatable format

```
> five = 5
  > three = 3
  > myfunction <- function(x,y) {
      z = x + y
      return(z) #what output is seen outside of function
  > myfunction(five,three)
[1] 8
  > myanswer <- myfunction(five, three); myanswer
[1] 8
```



Apply

- Returns an object based on applying a function to a dataframe or matrix or list
- Format: apply (to_what, how, function)
- "1" is to apply over rows, "2" is to apply over columns
 - > mymatrix <- apply(mymatrix, 1, function)
 - > mymatrix <- apply(mymatrix, 2, function)
 - > apply(mymatrix, 1, sum) #row sums
 - > apply(mymatrix, 2, sum) #column sums



Variations on apply

sapply: (to_what, function) returns a vector

```
> sapply(1:3, function(x) x^2)
[1] 1 4 9
```

lapply: (to_what, function): returns a list

```
> lapply(1:3, function(x) x^2)
```

[[1]]

[1] 1

[[2]]

[1]4

[[3]]

[1]9



More applies

- mapply (multivariate): pass more arguments
 - > mapply(function, arguments, MoreArgs=X)
- by: factors
- > by(data, factor, function)
- replicate: repeat
 - > replicate(repetitions, function(data))
- Also tapply, eapply, rapply, vapply
- Useful packages: plyr, dplyr

Importing Data

Importing Data: text file

 You can specify how your data is separated (comma separated: "," tab: "\t" space: ""), and if the first row is a "header" row containing the column names)

- mydata <- read.table(file="PathToFile/filename.csv", header=TRUE, sep=",")</p>
- add "row.names=1 to make column 1 the rownames (only if these are unique identifiers!)
- stringAsFactors=FALSE converts all strings to characters

Importing Data from MS Excel

- Read in the first worksheet from the workbook myexcel.xlsx
- First row contains variable (column) names
 - > library(xlsx) #install the first time from CRAN
 - > mydata <- read.xlsx("c:/myexcel.xlsx", 1)
- Read in the worksheet named mysheet
 - >mydata <- read.xlsx("c:/myexcel.xlsx", sheetName = "mysheet")

Exporting Data

 Easy way to export a variable (vector, dataframe, matrix, etc):

```
> write.table(nameofvariable, file="path/nameoffile.tsv", sep="\t") #sep="," or " etc
```

Add

row.names=FALSE #turn off row names
col.names=FALSE #turn off column names
col.names=NA #Excel-like readability
quote=FALSE #turn off character string quoting

Saving your workspace

- Save and pick up where you leave off saves variables
 - > save.image()
 - > save(object list, file="mysaves.RData")
- Loading workspaces
 - > load("mysaves.RData")

Class Example



Class Example

 Download class data and R script to a folder from github.com/hmsrc/user-training/tree/master/RBioconductorCourse

Set your working directory to the folder where your data is

- > setwd("pathtofolder/note/forward/slashes")
- A Mac example:
 - > setwd("/Users/mfk8/Downloads")
- A Windows example (note forward slashes):
 - > setwd("C:/Users/mfk8/Downloads")

Class Sample – Import Data

Import Rcoursetestdata1.csv as data frame, with headers and row names

```
>mydf <- read.table("Rcoursetestdata1.csv", header=TRUE, row.names=1, sep=",")
```

> head(mydf)

TNBC1 TNBC2 TNBC3 Normal1 Normal2 Normal3

```
ENSG00000008988 15258 15077 144720 12095 43544 46883

ENSG00000009307 14660 20767 8678 13774 23030 18917

ENSG00000019582 50866 55775 15089 6696 13754 86319

ENSG00000026025 21174 47966 26682 6068 21126 12728

ENSG00000034510 25645 31574 56403 29590 25216 37199

ENSG000000044574 23910 27200 13757 13364 10852 12378
```

Class Sample - Continued

Get basic statistics on mydf

> summary(mydf)

TNBC1 TNBC2 TNBC3 Normal1

Min.: 0 Min.: 65 Min.: 31 Min.: 22

1st Qu.: 7888 1st Qu.: 9538 1st Qu.: 9324 1st Qu.: 5074

Median: 13034 Median: 16568 Median: 19108 Median: 10869

Mean: 18596 Mean: 26036 Mean: 25646 Mean: 14746 3rd

Qu.: 23850 3rd Qu.: 28194 3rd Qu.: 30389 3rd Qu.:18866 Max.

:103007 Max. :351603 Max. :272582 Max. :89837

Normal2 Normal3

Min.: 208 Min.: 15

1st Qu.: 7124 1st Qu.: 8944

Median: 14005 Median: 17710

Mean : 19425 Mean : 25481

3rd Qu.: 21576 3rd Qu.: 32191

Max. :212582 Max. :244692



Class Sample – Transposing Data

- Need your data to read the other way? Turn it into a matrix, and transpose!
 - > mymatrix <- as.matrix(mydf)</pre>
 - > myTmatrix<- t(mymatrix) #t = transpose
 - > myTdf <- as.data.frame(myTmatrix) #makes a data frame again
 - > myTdf

ENSG00000008988 ENSG00000009307 ENSG00000019582 ENSG00000026025

TNBC1	15258	14660	50866	21174
TNBC2	15077	20767	55775	47966
TNBC3	144720	8678	15089	26682
Normal1	12095	13774	6696	6068
Normal2	43544	23030	13754	21126
Normal3	46883	18917	86319	12728



Class Example – Data Ops Cont'd

- Get basic statistics on transposed data frame
 - > summary(myTdf)

ENSG00000008988 ENSG00000009307 ENSG00000019582 ENSG00000026025

Min.: 12095 Min.: 8678 Min.: 6696 Min.: 6068

1st Qu.: 15122 1st Qu.:13996 1st Qu.:14088 1st Qu.:14828

Median: 29401 Median: 16789 Median: 32978 Median: 21150

Mean: 46263 Mean: 16638 Mean: 38083 Mean: 22624

3rd Qu.: 46048 3rd Qu.:20305 3rd Qu.:54548 3rd Qu.:25305

Max. :144720 Max. :23030 Max. :86319 Max. :47966

Class Example: Simple t-test

Do a t-test on TNBC and Normal from mydf

```
> t.test(mydf[,1:3], mydf[,4:6])

Welch Two Sample t-test
data: mydf[, 1:3] and mydf[, 4:6]

t = 2.3053, df = 1168.9, p-value = 0.02132
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:
527.5122 6556.6411
sample estimates:
```

mean of x mean of y

23426.08 19884.01



Class Example: Simple Wilcoxon

wilcox.test(mymatrix[,1:3], mymatrix[,4:6])

Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity correction

data: mymatrix[, 1:3] and mymatrix[, 4:6]

W = 199820, p-value = 0.0009604

alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0

Class Example: Linear Modelling

- model<-Im(y \sim x1 + x2 ..., data=data)
- > mymodel <- lm(TNBC1 ~ Normal1, data=mydf)
- > anova(mymodel)

Analysis of Variance Table

```
Response: TNBC1
```

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

Normal1 1 5.4597e+09 5459744483 20.215 1.177e-05 ***

Residuals 198 5.3477e+10 270084874

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1



Class Sample: Practical Plotting



Saving plots

- Use "File->"save as" or,
- Open up a plot file (png, pdf, jpeg, tiff, bmp)
 - > png(file="nameyourfile.png")
- Make your plot
 - > plot()
- Turn plot off
 - > dev.off()

Plotting Options

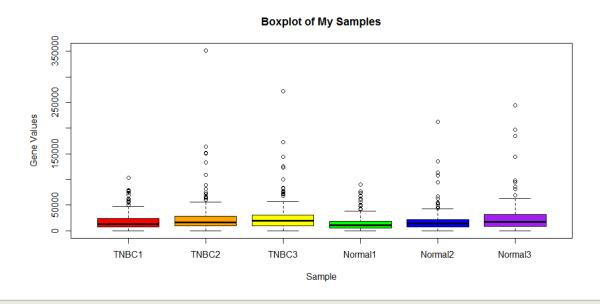
- main = "Title" #title
- xlab= "x label" #x-axis label
- ylab="y label" #y-axis label
- xlim(N,N) #x-axis start, stop
- ylim(N,N) #y-axis start, stop
- col =c("color1", "color2") #vector with colors
- Ity = c(N, N) #line type
- lwd= c(N, N) #line width
- cex = N #size of text and symbols
- pch = N #plot point symbol type
- par(mfrow(x,y)) #multiple figures in one plot



Class Example – Boxplot of Samples

Boxplot of Samples

>boxplot(mydf, main="Boxplot of My Samples", xlab="Sample", ylab="Gene Values")

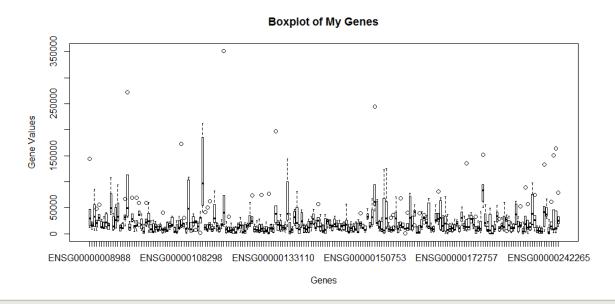




Class Example – Boxplot of Genes

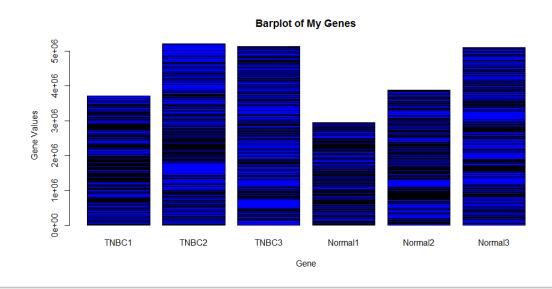
Boxplot of Genes

>boxplot(myTdf, main="Boxplot of My Genes", xlab="Gene", ylab="Gene Values")



Class Example – Barplot of Genes

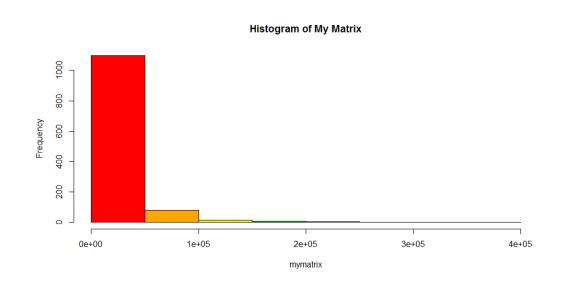
Barplot of Genes #barplot needs a matrix
 >barplot(myTmatrix, main="Barplot of My Genes", xlab="Gene", ylab="Sample Values")





Class Example – Histogram of Values

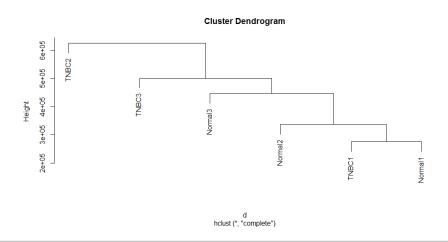
Plot a histogram of the frequency of values in mymatrix
 >hist(mymatrix)





Class Example - HCL

- Do hierarchical clustering of samples
 - >d <- dist(myTmatrix) #takes matrix as input, calculates distance
 - > hc <- hclust(d) #performs HCL on distance matrix
 - > plot(hc)



Class Sample – Line Graphs

 #start a line plot with ENSG00000008988 "b" means both points and lines

```
>plot(myTdf$ENSG00000008988, type="b", col="green", ylim=c(10000,150000), main="Gene Values Over Samples", xlab="Sample", ylab="Gene Values")
```

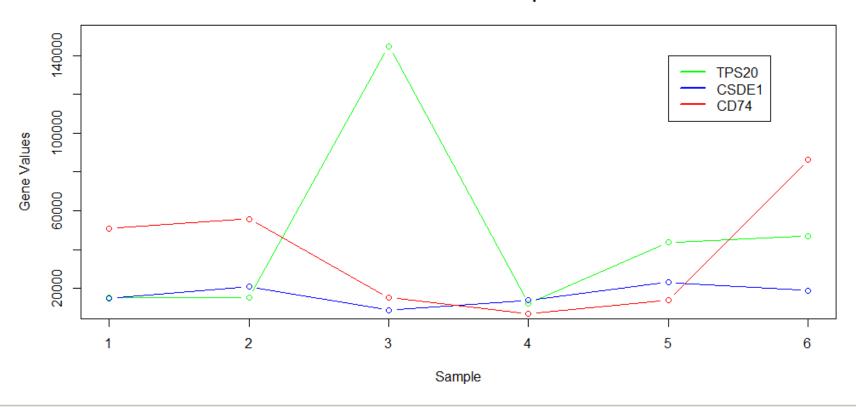
- #add a new line for ENSG00000009307 "lines" adds a line to the current plot
 - > lines(myTdf\$ENSG00000009307, type="b", col = "blue")
- #add a new line for ENSG00000019582
 - > lines(myTdf\$ENSG00000019582, type="b", col="red")

Class Sample – Line Graphs Legend

```
> legend(5, 140000, #positions x, y
c("TPS20", "CSDE1", "CD74"), #line names
lty=c(1,1), #specifies lines
lwd=c(2.5,2.5), #specifies line width
col=c("green", "blue", "red") #add colors
) #ends legend
```

Class Sample – Line Graphs

Gene Values Over Samples





Class Example – Count Data

- Import count data
- > mytable<-read.table("Rcoursetestdata2.csv", header=T, row.names=1, sep=",")
- > mytable

neversmoke smoke pastsmoke gender

```
0 1
               0 male
      0 1
               0 female
               0 male
      1 0
               0 female
5
               1 male
               0 female
6
      0 1
7
      0 0
               1 male
               1 female
               0 male
       0 0
10
                1 female
```

Class Example – Count Data Cont'd

Get summary statistic on mytable

> summary(mytable)

```
> summary(mytable)
neversmoke smoke pastsmoke gender
Min. :0.0 Min. :0.00 Min. :0.0 female:5

1st Qu.:0.0 1st Qu.:0.00 1st Qu.:0.0 male :5

Median :0.0 Median :0.00 Median :0.0

Mean :0.2 Mean :0.30 Mean :0.4

3rd Qu.:0.0 3rd Qu.:0.75 3rd Qu.:1.0

Max. :1.0 Max. :1.00 Max. :1.0
```



Class Example – Tables Cont'd

- Take a subset of a table to do statistics on
- > genderVsmoke <- table(mytable\$gender, mytable\$smoke)</p>
- > genderVsmoke

0 1

female 3 2

male 41

Class Example – Tables Cont'd

- summary(genderVsmoke) does a Chi Square Test of Independence
 - > summary(genderVsmoke)

Number of cases in table: 10

Number of factors: 2

Test for independence of all factors:

Chisq = 0.4762, df = 1, p-value = 0.4902

Chi-squared approximation may be incorrect

Class Example – Tables Cont'd

- Get the frequencies of a table via prop.table
 - > propgenderVsmoke <- prop.table(genderVsmoke)</p>
 - > propgenderVsmoke

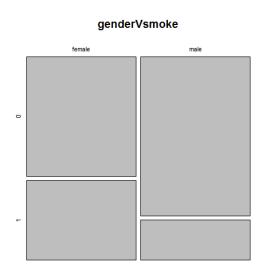
0 1

female 0.3 0.2

male 0.4 0.1

Class Example – Plotting Tables

- Do a mosaicplot of table genderVsmoke
 - > mosaicplot(genderVsmoke)



Bonus Plot: Heatmap

- Try installing packages "gplots" and "RColorBrewer"
 - > install.packages("gplots", "RColorBrewer")
- Call the libraries
 - > library("gplots")
 - > library("RColorBrewer")
- Check out the code!

Useful R packages

- "RColorBrewer" and "Viridis" define colors and pallets
- "gplots" and "ggplots2" great for plotting
- "genefilter" useful to apply filters over matrices
- "plyr" and "dplyr" advanced matrix/df operations
- "edgeR" and "DESeq2" RNAseq differential analysis alternatives using count data as input
- "biomaRt" cross-annotate samples



RStudio

- Feature-rich GUI for R, works on top of version of R installed
- RMarkdown, Rshinyapps
- Not optimized for multithreading
- Good for proofing code, but not a scalable solution for HPC
- Not currently available as an O2, but under consideration as a standalone service accessing O2 filesystems

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