# BioSys PhD | Earthsystems PhD - Introduction to R

#### **EXERCISES**

### **Basic Operations**

1. Perform the following operations by assigning always an object to the expression:

(a) 
$$4 + 5(\log_{10}(4) - e^3)$$

(b) 
$$\sqrt{37} + 4 + 5(\log_{10}(4) - e^3)$$

(c) 
$$\sin(\pi \div 2) + \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3})$$

2. Create a sequence of values in descending order between 17 and 26. How many elements does the sequence have?

3. Create a vector **x** (as you wish) and consider the following conditions:

(a) 
$$x > 13$$

(b) 
$$x < 13 \land x = 23$$

(c) 
$$x \in [0, +\infty[$$

What is the logical value of:

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$$(a) \wedge (c)$$

$$\bullet \ (b) \lor (c)$$

$$\bullet \ \sim (b) \wedge (c)$$

# Vectors, Matrices and Data Frames

4. (a) Define two vectors for the variables:

weight	62	70	52	98	90	70
height	1.70	1.82	1.75	1.94	1.84	1.61

(b) How many elements have more than 69kg and how many have less than 1.70m.

- (c) Calculate body mass index (BMI) using the previous vectors and save the results in an object. What kind of object is it and what is its size?
- (d) For the vector BMI, assign a name to each element in accordance with the following table:

BMI	Condition			
< 18.5	Low weight			
[18.5, 25[	Normal weight			
[25, 30[	Overweight			
$\geq 30$	Obesity			

- 5. Build a list with the following information: An experiment conducted by the laboratory, 1000Experiments, consisted in the analysis of three kinds of drugs for the treatment of diabetes. A female volunteer, with 43 years, was given the three drugs, considering washing periods of 3 weeks between each administration. After every take was evaluated the blood sugar and for each drug the following results were obtained: 167, 245, 165. It was further evaluated the blood sugar before the treatments: 345.
- 6. Proceed with the following operations: data(iris); plants<-iris; names(plants)
  - (a) From the editor of R, change the name of the variables.
  - (b) What is the dimension of the data frame?
  - (c) Access only to the first 15 records.
  - (d) List only the variable corresponding to the species.
  - (e) Identify the species that have a length of petal greater than 6.
  - (f) Apply operation attach() to access directly to the variables. For the species "setosa", how many plants have sepals width less than 3?
  - (g) Apply operation detach(), proceed as follows and verify what the commands do:
    - by(data=Petal.Length,INDICES=Species,FUN=summary)
      boxplot(Petal.Length~Species, xlab="Species", ylab="Length",
      main="Petal length by Species"),col=rainbow(3)

(h) Save the data frame plants using function write.table().

## Import Data

- 7. Access data frame Orange from package datasets.
- 8. Build a contingency table for the variables year, and sex, of data frame Melanoma, which is part of package MASS.

### **Graphical Functions**

- 9. Consider the data frame Animals from package MASS.
  - (a) Construct a graph (with subtitles on the axes) for the weight of the brain vs. the weight of the body.
  - (b) Repeat the previous step but now considering the natural logarithms of the variables. Use the labels to identify the points with higher body weight.
  - (c) Repeat the previous graphs but now side-by-side in the same device and store them in a .jpeg file.

### Loops and Functions

10. The following function calculates the mean and standard deviation of a numeric vector.

```
mean.dp <- function(x){
  m <- mean(x)
  dp <- sd(x)
  c(mean=m, stand_dev = dp) }
x<-c(2,4,6,8,10,12)  # for example
mean.dp(x)</pre>
```

Modify this function so that:

- (a) is automatically applied to a vector of 20 numbers generated on the basis of the standard normal distribution, rnorm(), and calculates only the standard deviation;
- (b) if there are missing values, NA, the mean and the standard deviation are calculated from the remaining values.