## Basic R: a gentle introduction

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# Who's who?

### About the teacher

#### A collection of links:

- my personal website
- my GitHub page
- an e-book with more documtation.

Research team is here.

### Practical information

Course material including

- R scripts, data, lecture sheets
- a collection of cheat sheets

are available from

https://github.com/katrienantonio/workshop-R

# Today's agenda

### Learning outcomes

Today you will work on:

- R architecture
- R universe
- Basic object types and syntax
- Import/export data
- Data wrangling
- Plots, plots, plots
- Writing functions

You will cover examples of code<sup>1</sup> and work on **R challenges**.

[1] For a detailed discussion of each topic, see e-book

# Get started - explore the R architecture

### What is R?

The R environment is an integrated suite of software facilities for data manipulation, calculation and graphical display.

#### A brief history:

- R is a dialect of the S language.
- R was written by Robert Gentleman and Ross Ihaka in 1992.
- The R source code was first released in 1995.
- In 1998, the Comprehensive R Archive Network CRAN was established.
- The first official release, R version 1.0.0, dates to 2000-02-29. Currently R 3.6.0 (May, 2019).
- R is open source via the GNU General Public License.

## Explore the R architecture

- R is like a car's engine
- RStudio is like a car's dashboard, an integrated development environment (IDE) for R.

#### R: Engine



#### **RStudio: Dashboard**



### How do I code in R?

#### Keep in mind:

- unlike other software like Excel, STATA, or SAS, R is an interpreted language
- no point and click in R!
- you have to program in R!

R **packages** extend the functionality of R by providing additional functions, and can be downloaded for free from the internet.

R: A new phone

R Packages: Apps you can download

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## Install and load an R package

The ggplot2 package is a very popular package for data visualisation.

Install the package

```
install.packages("ggplot2")
```

Load the installed package

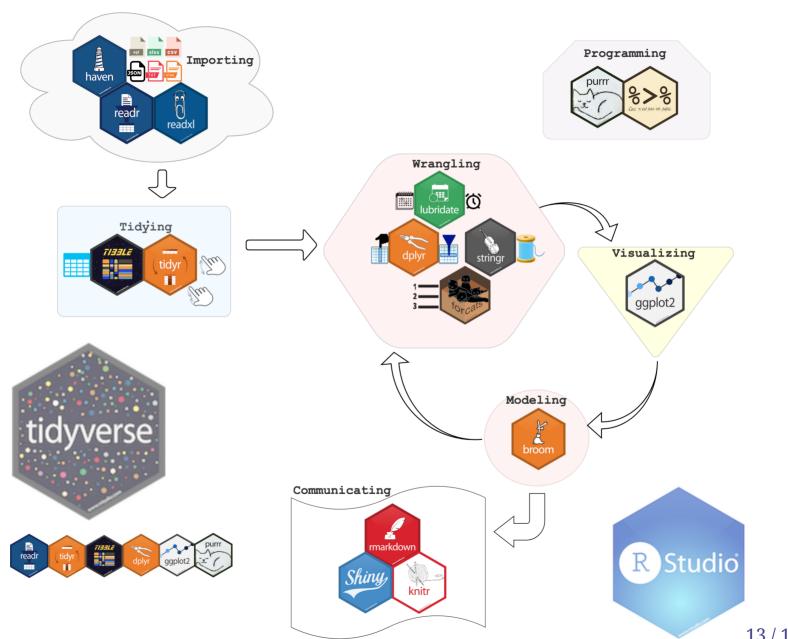
```
library(ggplot2)
```

And give it a try

```
head(diamonds)
qplot(clarity, data = diamonds, fill = cut, geom = "bar")
```

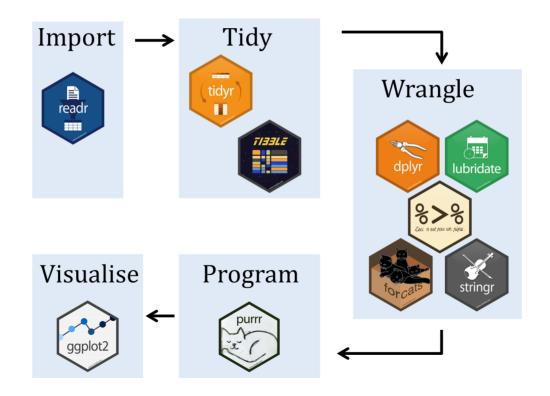
Packages are developed and maintained by R users worldwide, and shared with the R community through CRAN: now 14,307 packages online!

## What's out there - the R universe



### The workflow of a data scientist

The **tidyverse** is an opinionated collection of R packages designed for data science. All packages share an underlying design philosophy, grammar, and data structures.



More on: tidyverse

## Little arithmetics with R

### Your first R steps

Do little arithmetics with R:

- write R code in the console
- every line of code is interpreted and executed by R
- you get a message whether or not your code was correct
- the output of your R code is then shown in the console
- use # sign to add comments, like Twitter!

Now run in the console

```
10^2 + 36
```

[1] 136

You asked and R answered!

# Objects and data types in R

### **Variables**

A basic concept in (statistical) programming is a variable.

- a variable allows you to store a value (e.g. 4) or an object (e.g. a function description) in R
- use this variable's name to easily access the value or the object that is stored within this variable.

Assign value 4 to variable a

```
a <- 4
```

and verify the variable stored

```
a
```

[1] 4

# R challenge

Verify the following instructions

```
a*5
(a+10)/2
a <- a+1
```

### Data types

R works with numerous data types: e.g.

- decimal values like 4.5 are called **numerics**
- natural numbers like 4 are called integers
- Boolean values (TRUE or FALSE) are called logical
- Date or POSIXct for time based variables<sup>[1]</sup>; Date stores just a date and POSIXct stores a date and time
- text (or string) values are called characters.

[1] Both objects are actually represented as the number of days (Date) or seconds (POSIXct) since January 1, 1970.

## R challenge

Run the following instructions and pay attention to the code:

```
my_numeric <- 42.5
my_character <- "some text"
my_logical <- TRUE
my_date <- as.Date("05/29/2018", "%m/%d/%Y")</pre>
```

Verify the data type of a variable with the class() function: e.g.

```
class(my_numeric)

[1] "numeric"

class(my_date)

[1] "Date"
```

## Everything is an object

The fundamental design principle underlying R is "everything is an object".

#### Keep in mind:

- in R, an analysis is broken down into a series of steps
- intermediate results are stored in objects, with minimal output at each step (often none)
- manipulate the objects to obtain the information required
- a variable in R can take on any available data type, or hold any R object.

## R challenge

Run

```
ls()
```

to list all objects stored in R's memory.

Use rm() to remove an object from R's memory, e.g.

```
rm(a)  # remove a single object
rm(my_character, my_logical)  # remove multiple objects
rm(list = c('my_date', 'my_numeric'))  # remove a list of objects
rm(list = ls())  # remove all objects
```

### Basic data structures in R

### **Vectors**

A **vector** is a simple tool to store data:

- one-dimension arrays that can hold numeric data, character data, or logical data
- you create a vector with the combine function c()
- operations are applied to each element of the vector automatically, there is no need to loop through the vector.

Here are some first examples:

```
my_vector <- c(1, 2, 3, 4)
my_vector_2 <- c(0, 3:5, 20, 0)
my_vector_2[2]  # inspect entry 2 from vector my_vector_2
my_vector_2[2:3]  # inspect entries 2 and 3
length(my_vector_2)  # get vector length
my_family <- c("Katrien", "Jan", "Leen")
my_family</pre>
```

## R challenge

You can give a name to the elements of a vector with the names() function:

```
my_vector <- c("Katrien Antonio", "teacher")
names(my_vector) <- c("Name", "Profession")
my_vector</pre>
```

```
Name Profession "Katrien Antonio" "teacher"
```

Now it's your turn!

Inspect my\_vector using:

- the attributes() function
- the length() function
- the str() function

## R challenge solved

```
my_vector <- c("Katrien Antonio", "teacher")</pre>
names(my_vector) <- c("Name", "Profession")</pre>
my_vector
                           Profession
              Name
                           "teacher"
"Katrien Antonio"
attributes(my_vector)
$names
[1] "Name" "Profession"
length(my_vector)
\lceil 1 \rceil 2
names(my_vector)
                 "Profession"
[1] "Name"
```

### **Matrices**

#### A matrix is:

- a collection of elements of the same data type (numeric, character, or logical)
- fixed number of rows and columns.

#### A first example

[1] 1

### Data frames and tibbles

#### A data frame:

- is pretty much the *de facto* data structure for most tabular data
- what we use for statistics
- variables of a data set as columns and the observations as rows.

#### A tibble:

- a.k.a tbl
- a type of data frame common in the tidyverse
- slightly different default behaviour than data frames.

Let's explore some differences between both structures!

## R challenge

#### Inspect a built-in data frame

```
mtcars
str(mtcars)
head(mtcars)
```

Extract a variable from a data frame and ask a summary

```
summary(mtcars$cyl) # use $ to extract variable from a data frame
```

#### Now inspect a tibble

```
diamond
str(diamond) # built-in in library ggplot2
head(diamond)
```

Can you list some differences?

### Lists

#### A **list** allows you to

- gather a variety of objects under one name in an ordered way
- these objects can be matrices, vectors, data frames, even other lists
- a list is some kind super data type
- you can store practically any piece of information in it!

### Lists

A first example of a list:

### R challenge

- 1. Create a vector fav\_music with the names of your favourite artists.
- 2. Create a vector num\_records with the number of records you have in your collection of each of those artists.
- 3. Create a vector num\_concerts with the number of times you attended a concert of these artists.
- 4. Put everything together in a data frame, assign the name my\_music to this data frame and change the labels of the information stored in the columns to artist, records and concerts.
- 5. Extract the variable num\_records from the data frame my\_music.
- 6. Calculate the total number of records in your collection (for the defined set of artists).
- 7. Check the structure of the data frame, ask for a summary.

## R challenge solved

#### Here is my solution

```
fav_music <- c("Prince", "REM", "Ryan Adams", "BLOF")
num_concerts <- c(0, 3, 1, 0)
num_records <- c(2, 7, 5, 1)
my_music <- data.frame(fav_music, num_concerts, num_records)
names(my_music) <- c("artist", "concerts", "records")</pre>
```

## R challenge solved

```
summary(my_music)
##
   artist
                  concerts
                               records
##
  BLOF :1 Min. :0.0
                            Min. :1.00
## Prince :1 1st Qu.:0.0 1st Qu.:1.75
       :1 Median :0.5 Median :3.50
##
   REM
   Ryan Adams:1 Mean :1.0
##
                            Mean :3.75
##
                3rd Qu.:1.5 3rd Qu.:5.50
                Max. :3.0
##
                            Max. :7.00
my_music$records
## [1] 2 7 5 1
sum(my_music$records)
## [1] 15
```

# Getting started with data in R

## Importing data in R

Some useful instructions regarding path names:

get your working directory

```
getwd()
```

[1] "C:/Users/u0043788/Dropbox/R tutorial/Basic R"

• specify a path name, with forward slash or double back slash

```
path <- file.path("C:/Users/u0043788/Dropbox/R tutorial/Basic R")</pre>
```

• use a relative path

```
path <- file.path("./data/swimming_pools.csv")</pre>
```

### Import a .txt file

read.table() is the most basic importing function.

You can specify tons of different arguments in this function.

or like this

What happened?

## Import a .csv file

read.csv() is the basic importing function.

Here is an example:

- load a data set on swimming pools in Brisbane
- column names in the first row; a comma to separate values within rows

```
path.pools <- file.path(path, "swimming_pools.csv")
pools <- read.csv(path.pools)
str(pools)</pre>
```

But, what happens?

With stringsAsFactors you can tell R whether it should convert strings in the flat file to factors.

```
pools <- read.csv(path.pools, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
str(pools)</pre>
```

# Useful packages for data import





### Import a .xlsx file

The readxl package makes it easy to get Excel data into R:

- no external dependencies, so it's easy to install and use
- designed to work with tabular data.

```
library(readxl)
path.urbanpop <- file.path(path, "urbanpop.xlsx")
excel_sheets(path.urbanpop) # list sheet names with `excel_sheets()`</pre>
```

Specify a worksheet by name or number, e.g.

```
pop_1 <- read_excel(path.urbanpop, sheet = 1)
pop_2 <- read_excel(path.urbanpop, sheet = 2)</pre>
```

inspect and re-combine

```
str(pop_1)
pop_list <- list(pop_1, pop_2)</pre>
```

#### Import other data formats

The haven package enables R to read and write various data formats used by other statistical packages.

#### It supports:

- **SAS**: read\_sas() reads .sas7bdat and .sas7bcat files and read\_xpt() reads SAS transport files (version 5 and version 8). write\_sas() writes .sas7bdat files.
- **SPSS**: read\_sav() reads .sav files and read\_por() reads the older .por files. write\_sav() writes .sav files.
- **Stata**: read\_dta() reads .dta files (up to version 15). write\_dta() writes .dta files (versions 8-15).

## R challenge

Load the following data sets, available in the course material:

- the Danish fire insurance losses, stored in danish.txt
- the severity data set, stored in severity.sas7bdat.

## R challenge solved

Import the Danish fire insurance losses

```
path <- file.path('./data')
path.danish <- file.path(path, "danish.txt")
danish <- read.table(path.danish, header = TRUE)
danish$Date <- as.Date(danish$Date, "%m/%d/%Y")
str(danish)

## 'data.frame': 2167 obs. of 2 variables:
## $ Date : Date, format: "1980-01-03" "1980-01-04" ...
## $ Loss.in.DKM: num 1.68 2.09 1.73 1.78 4.61 ...</pre>
```

Import the severity data set

```
library(haven)
severity <- read_sas('./data/severity.sas7bdat')
str(severity)</pre>
```

# Exploratory data analysis

#### A numeric variable

## [1] 26.41032

You first explore a **numeric** variable:

load the CPS1985 data set and inspect the wage variable

```
summary(CPS1985$wage)
                            # get a summary
## Min. 1st Ou. Median Mean 3rd Ou. Max.
## 1.000 5.250 7.780 9.024 11.250 44.500
is.numeric(CPS1985$wage) # check if variable is numeric
## [1] TRUE
mean(CPS1985$wage)
                            # get mean
## [1] 9.024064
var(CPS1985$wage)
                            # get variance
```

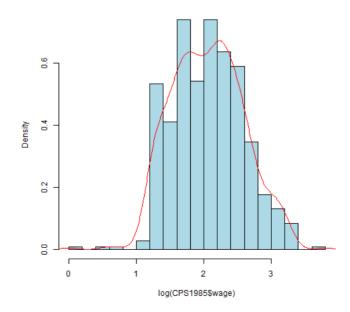
#### A numeric variable

You first explore a **numeric** variable:

visualize the wage distribution

```
hist(log(CPS1985$wage), freq = FALSE, nclass = 20, col = "light blue'
lines(density(log(CPS1985$wage)), col = "red")
```

#### Histogram of log(CP\$1985\$wage)



#### A factor variable

You now explore the occupation variable

```
summary(CPS1985$occupation)

management office sales services technical worker
55 97 38 83 105 156
```

change the names of some of the levels

```
levels(CPS1985$occupation)[c(2, 6)] <- c("techn", "mgmt")
summary(CPS1985$occupation)

management techn sales services technical mgmt
55 97 38 83 105 156</pre>
```

visualize the distribution

```
tab <- table(CPS1985$occupation)
prop.table(tab)
barplot(tab)
pie(tab, col = gray(seq(0.4, 1.0, length = 6)))</pre>
```

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#### Two factor variables

You now explore the factor variables gender and occupation.

```
Use prop.table()
```

```
# attach the data set to avoid use of
attach(CPS1985)
table(gender, occupation)
                                 # no name df$name var necessary
        occupation
gender
        management techn sales services technical mgmt
 female
                 21
                       76
                             17
                                      49
                                                 52
                                                      30
 male
                       21
                             21
                                      34
                                                 53
                                                     126
                 34
prop.table(table(gender, occupation))
```

```
occupation
```

```
gender management techn sales services technical mgmt female 0.03932584 0.14232210 0.03183521 0.09176030 0.09737828 0.05617978 male 0.06367041 0.03932584 0.03932584 0.06367041 0.09925094 0.23595506
```

```
detach(CPS1985) # now detach when work is done
```

#### Two factor variables

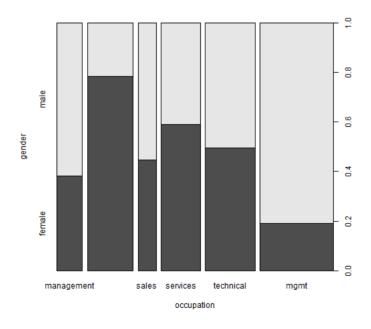
```
Now try prop.table(table(gender, occupation), 2). What happens?
```

#### Two factor variables

You now explore the factor variables gender and occupation.

Do a mosaic plot

```
plot(gender ~ occupation, data = CPS1985)
```



#### A factor and a numeric variable

You now explore the factor gender and the numeric variable wage.

```
tapply(wage, gender, mean)

## female male
## 7.878857 9.994913

tapply(log(wage), list(gender, occupation), mean)

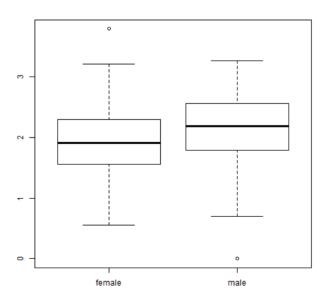
## management techn sales services technical mgmt
## female 2.229256 1.931128 1.579409 1.701674 2.307509 1.667887
## male 2.447476 1.955284 2.141071 1.829568 2.446640 2.100418
```

#### A factor and a numeric variable

You now explore a factor variable and a numeric variable.

Visualize the distribution of wage per gender

```
boxplot(log(wage) ~ gender, data = CPS1985)
```



#### Now try with

```
boxplot(log(wage) ~ gender + occupation, data = CPS1985)
```

## Data visualisation in R

#### Basic plot instructions

Your starting point is the construction of a **scatterplot**:

- load the journals.txt data set and save as Journals data frame
- work through the following instructions

```
plot(log(subs), log(citeprice), data = Journals)
rug(log(Journals$subs))
rug(log(Journals$citeprice), side = 2)
```

and adjust the plotting instructions

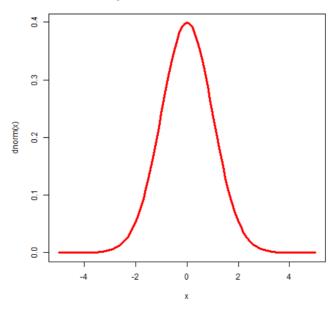
```
plot(log(citeprice) ~ log(subs), data = Journals, pch = 19,
        col = "blue", xlim = c(0, 8), ylim = c(-7, 4),
        main = "Library subscriptions")
rug(log(Journals$subs))
rug(log(Journals$citeprice), side=2)
```

## Basic plot instructions

The curve() function draws a curve corresponding to a function over the interval [from, to].

```
curve(dnorm, from = -5, to = 5, col = "red", lwd = 3,
    main = "Density of the standard normal distribution")
```

#### Density of the standard normal distribution



The aim of the ggplot2 package is to create elegant data visualisations using the grammar of graphics.

Here are the basic steps:

- begin a plot with the function ggplot() creating a coordinate system that you can add layers to
- the first argument of ggplot() is the dataset to use in the graph

#### Thus

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(data = mpg)
ggplot(mpg)
```

creates an empty graph.

You complete your graph by adding one or more **layers** to ggplot().

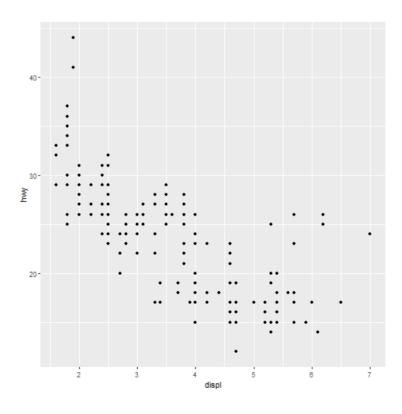
#### For example:

- geom\_point() adds a layer of points to your plot, which creates a scatterplot
- geom\_smooth() adds a smooth line
- geom\_bar a bar plot.

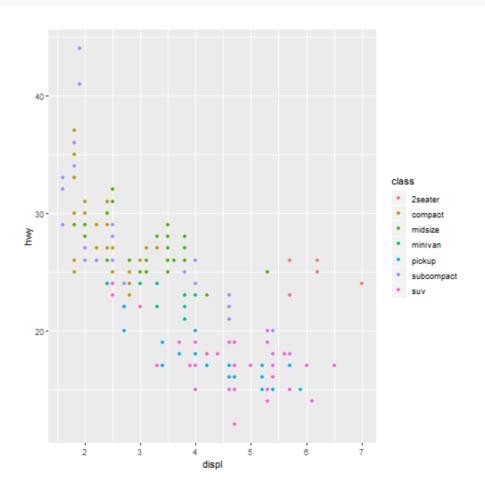
Each geom function in ggplot2 takes a mapping argument:

- how variables in your dataset are mapped to visual properties
- always paired with aes() and the x and y arguments of aes() specify which variables to map to the x and y axes.

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(data = mpg) + geom_point(mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy))
```



```
ggplot(data = mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy, color = class)
```



Compare the following set of instructions:

inside of aesthetics

```
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy, color = class))
```

• inside of aesthetics, not mapped to a variable

```
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy, color = "blue"))
```

outside of aesthetics

```
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy), color = "blue")
```

Now play with different geoms:

a scatterplot

```
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(mapping = aes(x = class, y = hwy))
```

a boxplot

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +
geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(x = class, y = hwy))
```

• a histogram

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +
geom_histogram(mapping = aes(x = hwy))
```

• a density

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +
geom_density(mapping = aes(x = hwy))
```

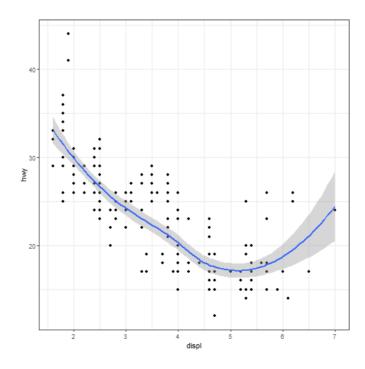
Now you will add multiple geoms to the same plot.

Predict what the following code does:

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +
  geom_smooth(mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy))
```

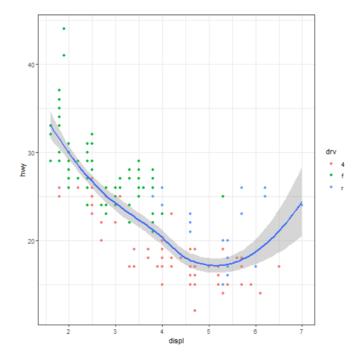
Mappings and data can be specified **global** (in ggplot()) or local.

```
ggplot(data = mpg, mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth() + theme_bw() # adjust theme
```



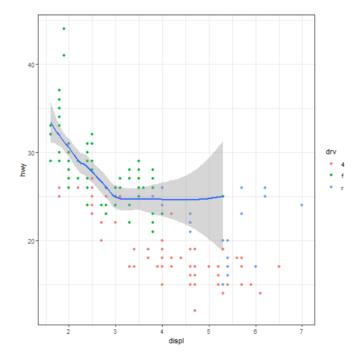
Mappings and data can be specified global or **local**.

```
ggplot(data = mpg, mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(color = drv)) +
  geom_smooth() + theme_bw()
```



Mappings and data can be specified global or **local**.

```
library(dplyr)
ggplot(data = mpg, mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(color = drv)) +
  geom_smooth(data = filter(mpg, drv == "f")) + theme_bw()
```



## R challenge

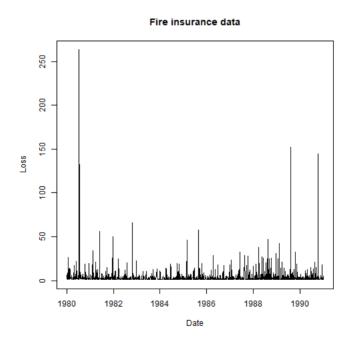
Use the Danish fire insurance losses. Plot the arrival of losses over time.

- 1. Use type= "l" for a line plot, label the x and y-axis, and give the plot a title using main.
- 2. Do the same with instructions from ggplot2. Use geom\_line() to create the line plot.

## R challenge solved

A classic plot of the Danish fire insurance losses

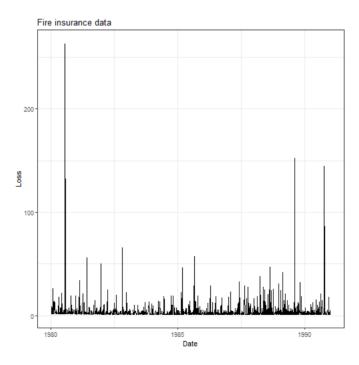
```
plot(danish$Date, danish$Loss.in.DKM, type = "l", xlab = "Date", ylak
    main = "Fire insurance data")
```



## R challenge solved

#### With ggplot2

```
ggplot(danish, aes(x = Date, y = Loss.in.DKM)) +
   geom_line() + theme_bw() +
   labs(title = "Fire insurance data", x = "Date", y = "Loss")
```



### R challenge

- 1. Use the data set car\_price.csv available in the documentation. Import the data in R.
- 2. Explore the data.
- 3. Make a scatterplot of price versus income, use basic plotting instructions and use ggplot2.
- 4. Add a smooth line to each of the plots (using lines to add a line to an existing plot and lowess to do scatterplot smoothing and using geom\_smooth in the ggplot2 grammar).

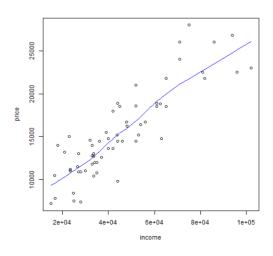
# R challenge solved

#### Load the data

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

#### Do a traditional plot

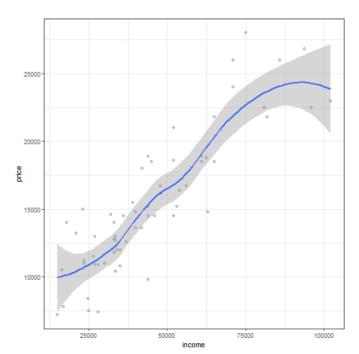
```
plot(price ~ income, data = car_price)
lines(lowess(car_price$income, car_price$price), col = "blue")
```



#### With ggplot

```
ggplot(car_price, aes(x = income, y = price)) +
  geom_point(shape = 1, alpha = 1/2) +
  geom_smooth() + theme_bw()
```

 $geom_smooth()$  using method = 'loess' and formula 'y ~ x'



# Data wrangling in R

### Two directions for data wrangling

Two lines of work are available:

- the RStudio line offering the packages from the tidyverse, including the dplyr package
- the data.table line developed by Matt Dowle, see e.g. DataCamp's course on data.table.

#### Both

- offer advanced, and fast, data handling with large R objects and lots of flexibility
- have a very specific syntax, with a demanding learning curve.

This tutorial will explore the first direction.

### A tibble instead of a data.frame

Within the tidyverse tibbles are a modern take on data frames:

- keep the features that have stood the test of time
- drop the features that used to be convenient but are now frustrating.

#### You can use:

- tibble() to create a new tibble
- as\_tibble() transforms an object (e.g. a data frame) into a tibble.

### R challenge

str(mtcars)

Transform mtcars into a tibble and inspect

```
library(tibble)
    as_tibble(mtcars)
                        A tibble: 32 \times 11
##
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### Pipes in R

In R, the pipe operator is %>%.

You can think of this operator as being similar to the + in a ggplot2 statement.

It takes the output of one statement and makes it the input of the next statement.

When describing it, you can think of it as a "THEN".

#### A first example:

- take the diamonds data (from the ggplot2 package)
- then subset

```
diamonds %>% filter(cut == "Ideal")
```

### Data manipulation verbs

The dplyr package holds many useful data manipulation verbs:

- mutate() adds new variables that are functions of existing variables
- select() picks variables based on their names
- filter() picks cases based on their values
- summarise() reduces multiple values down to a single summary
- arrange() changes the ordering of the rows.

These all combine naturally with group\_by() which allows you to perform any operation "by group".

## filter()

Extract rows that meet logical criteria.

- inspect the diamonds data set
- filter observations with cut equal to Ideal

```
filter(diamonds, cut == "Ideal")

## # A tibble: 21,551 x 10

## carat cut color clarity depth table price x y z
```

```
<dbl> <ord> <ord> <ord>
                               <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
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```

# filter()

Here is an overview of logical tests

x < y	Less than
x > y	Greater than
× == y	Equal to
x <= y	Less than or equal to
× >= y	Greater than or equal to
× != y	Not equal to
x %in% y	Group membership
is.na(x)	Is NA
!is.na(x)	Is not NA

## mutate()

Create new columns.

- inspect the diamonds data set
- create a new variable price\_per\_carat

```
mutate(diamonds, price_per_carat = price/carat)
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 11
     carat cut
                 color clarity depth table price
##
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                                                                Z
     <dbl> <ord> <ord> <ord>
                               <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
##
   1 0.23 Ideal E
                       SI2
##
                                61.5
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                                                       3.98 2.43
##
   2 0.21 Prem~ E
                       SI1
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                                59.8
                                       61
   3 0.23 Good
                       VS1
                                56.9
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##
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                                            327
                                                       4.07 2.31
##
   4 0.290 Prem~ I
                       VS2
                                                 4.2
                                                       4.23 2.63
                                62.4
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##
   5 0.31 Good
                       SI2
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```

### Multistep operations

Use the %>% for multistep operations.

Passes result on left into first argument of function on right.

```
diamonds %>% mutate(price_per_carat = price/carat) %>%
  filter(price_per_carat > 1500)
```

```
## # A tibble: 52,821 x 11
                color clarity depth table price
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     carat cut
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     <dbl> <ord> <ord> <ord>
##
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   2 0.22 Fair
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```

## summarise()

Compute table of summaries.

- inspect the diamonds data set
- calculate mean and standard deviation of price

```
diamonds %>% summarise(mean = mean(price), std_dev = sd(price))

## # A tibble: 1 x 2

## mean std_dev

## <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 3933. 3989.
```

## group\_by()

Groups cases by common values of one or more columns.

- inspect the diamonds data set
- calculate mean and standard deviation of price by level of cut

## R challenge

- 1. Load the data Parade2005.txt.
- 2. Determine the mean earnings in California.
- 3. Determine the number of individuals residing in Idaho.
- 4. Determine the mean and the median earnings of celebrities.

# Writing functions in R

### Conditionals and control flow

You'll first learn about relational operators to see how R objects compare.

Make sure not to mix up == and =, where the latter is used for assignment and the former checks equality.

```
3 == (2 + 1)
"intermediate" != "r"
(1 + 2) > 4
katrien <- c(19, 22, 4, 5, 7)
katrien > 5
```

### Logical operators

Now you'll learn about logical operators to combine logicals

```
TRUE & TRUE

FALSE | TRUE

5 <= 5 & 2 < 3

3 < 4 | 7 < 6
```

applied to vectors

```
katrien <- c(19, 22, 4, 5, 7)
jan <- c(34, 55, 76, 25, 4)
katrien > 5 & jan <= 30
```

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

The! operator reverses the result of a logical value.

```
!TRUE
```

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

### **Conditionals**

Time to check the if statement in R.

```
num_attendees <- 30
if (num_attendees > 5) {
  print("You're popular!")
}

[1] "You're popular!"
and the if else
```

```
num_attendees <- 5
if (num_attendees > 5) {
   print("You're popular!")
}else{
   print("You are not so popular!")
}
```

[1] "You are not so popular!"

### Loops

You'll start with a while loop.

```
todo <- 64
while (todo > 30) {
  print("Work harder")
  todo <- todo - 7
}

[1] "Work harder"
[1] "Work harder"
[1] "Work harder"
[1] "Work harder"
[1] "Work harder"</pre>
```

### Loops in R

Now the for loop in R.

```
primes <- c(2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13)

# loop version 1
for (p in primes) {
    print(p)
}
# loop version 2
for (i in 1:length(primes)) {
    print(primes[i])
}</pre>
```

### Write your own function

Creating a function in R is basically the assignment of a function object to a variable.

```
my_sqrt <- function(x) {
   sqrt(x)
}

# use the function
my_sqrt(12)</pre>
```

[1] 3.464102

### Write your own function

You can define default argument values in your own R functions.

Here you see an example:

```
my_sqrt <- function(x, print_info = TRUE) {</pre>
  y \leftarrow sqrt(x)
  if (print_info) {
     print(paste("sqrt", x, "equals", y))
   return(y)
# some calls of the function
my_sqrt(16)
[1] "sqrt 16 equals 4"
\lceil 1 \rceil 4
my_sqrt(16, FALSE)
```

[1] 4

## Vectorized thinking

R works in a vectorized way.

Check this by calling the function my\_sqrt on an input vector.

### R challenge

- 1. Create a function that will return the sum of 2 integers
- 2. Create a function that given a vector and an integer will return how many times the integer appears inside the vector.
- 3. Create a function that given a vector will print by default the mean and the standard deviation, it will optionally also print the median. Use an instruction like this

```
cat("Mean is:", mean, ", SD is:", stdv, "\n")
```

for the print messages.

```
f.sum <- function (x, y) {
  r <- x + y
  r
}
f.sum(5, 10)</pre>
```

[1] 15

```
f.count <- function (v, x) {
   count <- 0
   for (i in 1:length(v)) {
      if (v[i] == x) {
        count <- count + 1
      }
   }
   count
}</pre>
```

[1] 100

```
desi <- function(x, med = FALSE) {
    mean <- round(mean(x), 1)
    stdv <- round(sd(x), 1)
    cat("Mean is:", mean, ", SD is:", stdv, "\n")

if(med) {
    median <- median(x)
    cat("Median is:", median , "\n")
    }
}

desi(1:10, med=TRUE)</pre>
```

```
Mean is: 5.5 , SD is: 3 Median is: 5.5
```

### Thanks!

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