Introduction to R 2025

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Welcome to the 2025 Introduction to R Canadian Bioinformatics Workshop webpage!

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Meet Your Faculty

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Data and Compute Setup

2.0.0.3 Course data downloads

Coming soon!

2.0.0.4 Compute setup

Coming soon!

Part II

Modules

Chapter 3

Module 1

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3.2.1 Variables

Create 2 numeric variables and assign values for each

```
x = 10
y = 6
```

Calculate the sum of them

```
total = x + y
total
```

```
## [1] 16
```

Calculate the square root of the total

```
sr = sqrt(total)
sr
```

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

3.2.2 Data Structures

Vector

```
v <- c(1,2,3,4)
v
```

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

Matrix

```
m <- matrix(1:6, nrow = 2)
m
```

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

Dataframe

```
df <- data.frame(age=c(25,30), name=c("Mo","Tom"), group=c("A", "B"))
df
```

```
##   age name group
## 1  25   Mo     A
## 2  30  Tom     B
```

List

```
lst <- list(numbers=v, info=df)
lst
```

```
## $numbers
## [1] 1 2 3 4
##
## $info
##   age name group
## 1  25   Mo     A
## 2  30  Tom     B
```

3.2.3 Install BioconductoR packages

```
install.packages("BiocManager")
library(BiocManager)
BiocManager::install("ALL")
library("ALL")
data(ALL)
```

3.3 Lab 1B

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