# Introduction to R

Basics, Tidyverse and spatial data

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- Control structures
- Distribution and statistics
- Base-R plotting
- Tidyverse
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  - Intro to *ggplot2*
- Spatial data
  - Rasters
  - Vectors
  - Plotting

### Course details

- You can opt for a certificate of participation
- Requisites:
  - Assist to all lessons (sign attendance sheet daily)
    - Absence justified only with sick certificate or major issue
  - Do all exercises and final presentation
    - You can work in couples

## Background DQ

- Studied Civil Engineering at the University of Costa Rica
  - Worked for 3 years as hydrologist and hydraulic engineer for hydropower projects
- Hydroscience and Engineering masters at the TU Dresden
  - Master thesis dealt with statistical downscaling of CMIP5 projections for Costa Rica using machine learning (paper)
- Doctoral candidate since 2020, *ESF* scholarship

## PhD project DQ

#### Working title:

Potential species trajectories under climate change in low mountain ranges (Ore Mountains)

- 1. Statistical downscaling of local variables with Deep Learning (DL, paper)
  - ERA5 dataset as predictors
  - Observations: REKIS gridded daily data, 1 km resolution (1961 2015)
  - Focus on precipitation → extreme events
- 2. Use CMIP5 EURO-CORDEX model output to obtain an ensemble of downscaled climate projections (2005 2100)
- 3. Implement the generated high-resolution climate data in *Species Distribution Models* (SDMs) for the Ore Mountains
  - Focus on endangered plant species of the region

## Background AH

- Studied Civil Engineering at the University of Khartoum, Sudan
  - Have three years experience in working as Irrigation Engineer at the Sudanese Federal Ministry of Water resources, Resident Engineer in the Construction Sector (Sudan), and Teaching Assistant in many sudanese universities
- Hydroscience and Engineering masters at the TU Dresden
  - Master thesis theme: Objective Identification and Characterization of Double ITCZ in CMIP5 Models and its Effects on Regional Climate Models. (preprint)
- Research Assistant & PhD Student since October 2021

## PhD project AH

#### Working title:

Convective Precipitation Systems on the Arabian Peninsula: Current Situation and Future Trends

- 1. Identification and Description of Precipitation systems using Object Based Methods (OBM) and Tracking algorithm
  - GPM dataset as input
- 2. Linkage of Meso- to Synoptic-Scale Predictors to precipitation Regimes
  - ERA5 dataset to obtain predictors (i.e. atmospheric conditions) concurrent to precipitation systems
- 3. Dynamically downscale CMIP6 models output to obtain convective resolved precipitation projections (i.e. 1 km)
  - The WRF will be used for downscaling, and OBM will applied to its output to communicate uncertainties

## Your turn!

- Background
- Programming experience?
- Expectations of this course

## Prerequisites

- 1. Install R, version *4.x*:
  - Download from https://cloud.r-project.org/
  - I encountered package compatibility issues with *v4.2* some months ago, if persistent, install *v4.1.3* from here (Windows)
- 2. Install R Studio
  - Download from here
- 3. Swirl exercises

## Reserved words

• There are some words that have a special meaning in R:



i†	else	repeat	while	tunction
for	in	next	break	TRUE
FALSE	NULL	Inf	NaN	NA
NA_integer_	NA_real_	NA_complex_	NA_character_	• • •

### Variables and constants

- Variables are used to store data, which can be changed afterwards
- The name given to a variable is known as identifier
- Rules for *identifiers*:
  - Can be a combination of letters, digits, period (.) and underscore (\_)
  - Needs to start with a letter or period
    - If starts with period, can not be followed by a digit, e.g. . 4var
  - Reserved words can not be used as identifiers
- Constants can not be modified, like numbers and strings

## Basic data types

Everything in is an *object*This basic data types are also known as *atomic classes*is *case sensitive* 

- Logical
  - TRUE, FALSE
- Numeric
  - 3, 1.5, pi
  - Real or decimal, *floating numbers*
  - Also known as double
- Integer
  - **2**L, 11L
  - Note the *L*

- Complex
  - **1**+2i, 4+7i
- Characters
  - "A", 'climate', "38.89", 'FALSE'
  - Note that either single or double quotes surround the desired string
- Raw
  - Hexadecimal representation of data

## Checking the data types

```
y <- TRUE
class(y) # Function to ask: What is it?
[1] "logical"

x <- pi/2
typeof(x) # Similar
[1] "double"

z <- 3L
storage.mode(z) # Also!
[1] "integer"

str(z) # Structure!
int 3</pre>
```

```
u <- 1 + 2i
class(u)
[1] "complex"

v <- "Corcovado"
typeof(v)
[1] "character"

w <- charToRaw("Learning R")
print(w)
[1] 4c 65 61 72 6e 69 6e 67 20 52

storage.mode(w)
[1] "raw"</pre>
```

#### Data structures

#### Vectors

- Most basic data object
- Collection of atomic elements
- Two types:
  - Atomic vector
  - List

#### • Lists

- Universal container
- Unlike vectors, not restricted to be of a single type

#### Matrices

 Two-dimensional layout of elements of the same type

#### Arrays

- Can contain data of more than two dimensions
- Just one atomic type
- Contigous memory allocation

#### Data frames

- Two-dimensional structure
- Columns contain the value of one variable
- Rows contain the values of each column

#### Factors

- Used to categorize data and store it as levels
- Can be strings and integers

## Operators

Arithmetic		Relational		
Operator	Description	Operator	Description	
+	Addition	<	Less than	
_	Subtraction	>	Greater than	
*	Multiplication	<=	Less than or equal to	
1	Division	>=	Greater than or equal to	
^ or **	Exponent	==	Equal to	
%%	Modulus (Remainder From division)	!=	Not equal to	
%/%	Integer Division			
Assignment		Logical		
Operator <-, <<-, = ->, ->>	<b>Description</b> Leftwards assignment Rightwards assignment	Operator ! &	Description Logical NOT Element-wise logical AND	
		&&   	Logical AND Element-wise logical OR Logical OR	

## Testing the operators

```
x <- 2
y <- 7
x+y
[1] 9
x-y
[1] -5
x*y
[1] 0.2857143
x%/%y
[1] 0
x%%y
[1] 0
x%%y
[1] 2
x^y
[1] 128
```

```
x <- 2
y <- 7
x < y
    TRUE
x>y
[1] FALSE
x > = 35
[1] FALSE
x < = 35
 [1] TRUE
y = = 10
[1] FALSE
x!=y
[1] TRUE
y!=10
 [1] TRUE
```

```
a <- c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, 0, 6, 7)
b <- c (FALSE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE)
a&b
[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
a&&b
[1] FALSE
a | b
     TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE
                              TRUE
                                    TRUE
a | | b
[1] TRUE
!a
   FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
!b
     TRUE FALSE
                  TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

### **Functions**

• There are thousands of functions implemented on base- R, e.g.:

```
\blacksquare sin(pi/2), log(x), max(y), min(z)
```

Functions have the following structure:

```
function ( argument list ) {body}
```

- Note the parentheses types above
- When the functions have several arguments, they should be given in the predefined order
- Or, provide them with the corresponding names:

```
\blacksquare plot(1:6, c(5,1,3, 4, 3, 6), type = "1", col = "blue")
```

Users can define functions:

```
sum_squares <- function(x) {
    return(sum(x**2))

z <- 1:5
sum_squares(z)
[1] 55</pre>
```

### Other useful base functions

- abs → Compute the absolute value of a numeric data object
- attributes → Return or set all attributes of a data object
- c → Combine values into a vector or list
- cat → Return character string in readable format
- cbind → Combine vectors, matrices and/or data frames by column
- ceiling → Round numeric up to the next higher integer

- do.call → Execute function by its name and a list of corresponding arguments
- floor → Round numeric down to the next lower integer
- gc → Collect garbage to clean up memory
- hist → Create histogram
- lapply → Apply function to all list elements
- 1s → List all variables in the environment
- ncol → Return the number of columns of a matrix or data frame

- print → Return data object to the console
- rbind → Combine vectors, matrices and/or data frames by row
- rm → Clear specific data object from R workspace
- rep → Replicate elements of vectors and lists
- sd → Compute standard deviation
- setwd → Change the current working directory
- t → Transpose data frame
- var → Compute sample variance

## Function's help

- There is a comprehensive pre-built help system
- To access it, try the following from the command prompt:

```
help.start()  # general help
help(foo)  # help about function foo
?foo  # same thing
apropos("foo")  # list all functions containing string foo
example(foo)  # show an example of function foo
```

## Using libraries

- install.packages("tidyverse") → install new libraries
  - tidyverse is very useful, will come back to it later
- library (tidyverse) → loads the package into the active session
  - Installing the libraries is not enough to use the functions they contain
- dplyr::select → use the select function from dplyr without loading the whole library
- The form library::function is considered good practice, particularly when several libraries have the same function name (avoids conflicts)

#### Vectors

Several ways of creating vectors:

```
c("a","B","c")
[1] "a" "B" "c"

1:8  # Creates consecutive integers
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

seq(1, 3, by=0.5)  # Increment given
[1] 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0

rep(1:2, times=3)
[1] 1 2 1 2 1 2

rep(1:2, each=3)  # Notice the difference from the previous
[1] 1 1 1 2 2 2

vector(mode = "raw", length = 5)
[1] 00 00 00 00 00
```

• They all can of course be saved into a variable...

## Selecting vector elements

```
x[c(2,5)] # Elements two and five [1] -2 4

x[x == 10] # Elements equal to 10
[1] 10

x[x < 0] # Elements less than zero
[1] -5 -2

x[x >= 3] # Elements greater or equal than three [1] 3 4 5 6 8 10

x[x %in% c(1,2,5)] # Elements in the set 1,2,5
[1] 1 5
```

### Matrices

```
y < - matrix(1:16, nrow = 4, byrow = FALSE)
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]
       2 6 10 14
[2,]
       3 7 11 15
[3,]
[4,]
                    16
y \leftarrow matrix(1:16, nrow = 4, byrow = TRUE)
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[2,]
          10 11 12
[3,]
[4,]
       13
                15 16
          14
class(y)
[1] "matrix" "array"
typeof(y)
[1] "integer"
dim(y) # Show the dimensions of the object
```

```
# Binding vectors also creates matrices
z <- cbind(c("A", "B", "C"), c("a", "b", "c"))
class(z)
[1] "matrix" "array"
typeof(z)
[1] "character"
dim(z)
[1] 3 2
# Recycling of elements
x \leftarrow matrix(c(TRUE, FALSE), nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
X
       [,1] [,2]
      TRUE FALSE
[2, ] FALSE TRUE
     TRUE FALSE
typeof(x)
[1] "logical"
```

#### Matrices elements

```
y \leftarrow matrix(1:24, nrow = 4, byrow = TRUE)
y[2,] # Access the second row
[1] 7 8 9 10 11 12
y[,4] # Access the fourth column
[1] 4 10 16 22
y[3,5] # Element on the third row and fifth column
[1] 17
y[2:3, 4:5] # Elements between the second and third row
 and the fourth and fifth column
     [,1] [,2]
[1,]
      10 11
[2,]
       16 17
y[4:1,] # Change the order of the rows
         [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6]
[1,]
            20
                                24
[2,]
       13
          14
               15
                    16
                          17
                                18
                                12
[3,]
                      10
                           11
[4,]
```

```
z < - matrix(1:24, nrow = 5, byrow = FALSE)
Warning message:
In matrix (1:24, nrow = 5, byrow = FALSE):
  data length [24] is not a sub-multiple or
 multiple of the number of rows [5]
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
               11 16
[2,]
                           22
        3 8 13 18
                           23
               14
                    19
                           24
[4,]
            10
[5,]
z[5,5] \leftarrow 25 \# Modify element
z[21:25] # Access also as if it was a vector
[1] 21 22 23 24 25
```

## Arrays

```
v \leftarrow array(1:24, dim = c(4,3,2))
v # Ordered column-wise
, , 1
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]
[2,]
       2 6 10
       3 7 11
[3,]
       4 8 12
[4,]
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]
         17 21
     13
[2,]
          18 22
      14
           19 23
[3,]
      15
[4,]
      16
           20
                24
class(v)
[1] "array"
typeof (v)
[1] "integer"
```

```
dim(v)
[1] 4 3 2
str(v)
 int [1:4, 1:3, 1:2] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
v[2,3,2] # Access single element
[1] 22
v[, 2, 1] # Access second column of first layer
[1] 5 6 7 8
v[4, ,2] # Access fourth row of second layer
[1] 16 20 24
v[3,,] # Access third row of all the layers
     [,1] [,2]
[1,]
       3 15
[2,]
      7 19
            23
[3,]
       11
```

## Dataframes

- A dataframe is a two-dimensional structure
- The columns should be named
- Row names, if existent, should be unique
- Data can be *numeric*, *factors* or *strings*
- Several ways to create a dataframe

#### data.frame function

```
df < - data.frame(id = c(1:5),
                                                       Names = c("Nick", "Dan", "Lis", "Kate", "Jose"),
                                                        Salary = c(1900, 1750, 2100, 2500, 2100),
                                                        start_date = as.Date(c("2012-01-01", "2013-09-23", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-11-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014-15", "2014", "2014", "2014", "2014", "2014", "2015", "2014", "2014", "2014", "2014", "2014",
                                                        "2014-05-11", "2015-03-27")))
str(df) # Notice the different types
   'data.frame': | 5 obs. of 4 variables:
    $ id
                       : int 1 2 3 4 5
                                           : chr "Nick" "Dan" "Lis" "Kate" ...
    $ Salary : num 1900 1750 2100 2500 2100
    $ start_date: Date, format: "2012-01-01" "2013-09-23" "2014-11-15" "2014-05-11" ...
print(summary(df)) # summary function calculates some statistics
                       id
                                                                                                                      Salary
                                                    Names
                                                                                                                                                                start_date
                                                                                                                                :1750
    Min. :1
                                     Length:5
                                                                                                                                                      Min. :2012-01-01
                                                                                             Min.
    1st Qu.:2 Class:character 1st Qu.:1900
                                                                                                                                                      1st Qu.:2013-09-23
                                                                                                        Median :2100
                                                                                                                                                         Median :2014-05-11
    Median :3
                                          Mode :character
                                                                                                                                                         Mean :2014-01-14
                                                                                                                                :2070
    Mean :3
                                                                                                         Mean
                                                                                                         3rd Qu.:2100
                                                                                                                                                        3rd Qu.:2014-11-15
     3rd Qu.:4
                                                                                                                                                                                 :2015-03-27
                                                                                                                                :2500
                                                                                                                                                          Max.
    Max.
                                                                                                         Max.
```

#### From vectors

```
df1 <- cbind(id, Names, Salary, start_date)</pre>
str(df1)
 chr [1:5, 1:4] "1" "2" "3" "4" "5" "Nick" "Dan" "Lis" "Kate" "Jose" "1900" "1750" "2100" "2500" "2100" ...
 - attr(*, "dimnames") = List of 2
  ..$ : NULL
  ..$: chr [1:4] "id" "Names" "Salary" "start_date"
df2 <- cbind.data.frame(id, Names, Salary, start_date)</pre>
str(df2)
'data.frame': | 5 obs. of 4 variables:
        : int 1 2 3 4 5
 $ id
           : chr "Nick" "Dan" "Lis" "Kate" ...
 $ Names
            : num 1900 1750 2100 2500 2100
 $ Salary
 $ start_date: Date, format: "2012-01-01" "2013-09-23" "2014-11-15" "2014-05-11" ...
```

## Adding data

```
df$dept <- c("IT", "Operations", "IT", "HR", "Finance") # Add additional columns
df
  id Names Salary start_date
                                   dept
      Nick 1900 2012-01-01
             1750 2013-09-23 Operations
       Dan
             2100 2014-11-15
       Lis
             2500 2014-05-11
                                     HR
      Kate
             2100 2015-03-27
                                Finance
      Jose
new.employee <- data.frame(id= 6, Names= "Ana", Salary=2300,
                           start_date = as.Date("2016-05-01"),
                           dept = "IT")
 Note that the column names should match
df <- rbind(df, new.employee)</pre>
print(df)
  id Names Salary start_date
                                   dept
      Nick 1900 2012-01-01
                                      ΙT
             1750 2013-09-23 Operations
       Dan
             2100 2014-11-15
       Lis
                                      ΙT
             2500 2014-05-11
                                     HR
      Kate
             2100 2015-03-27
                                Finance
      Jose
             2300 2016-05-01
                                      ΙT
       Ana
             2300 2016-05-01
       Ana
```

### Column names need to match!

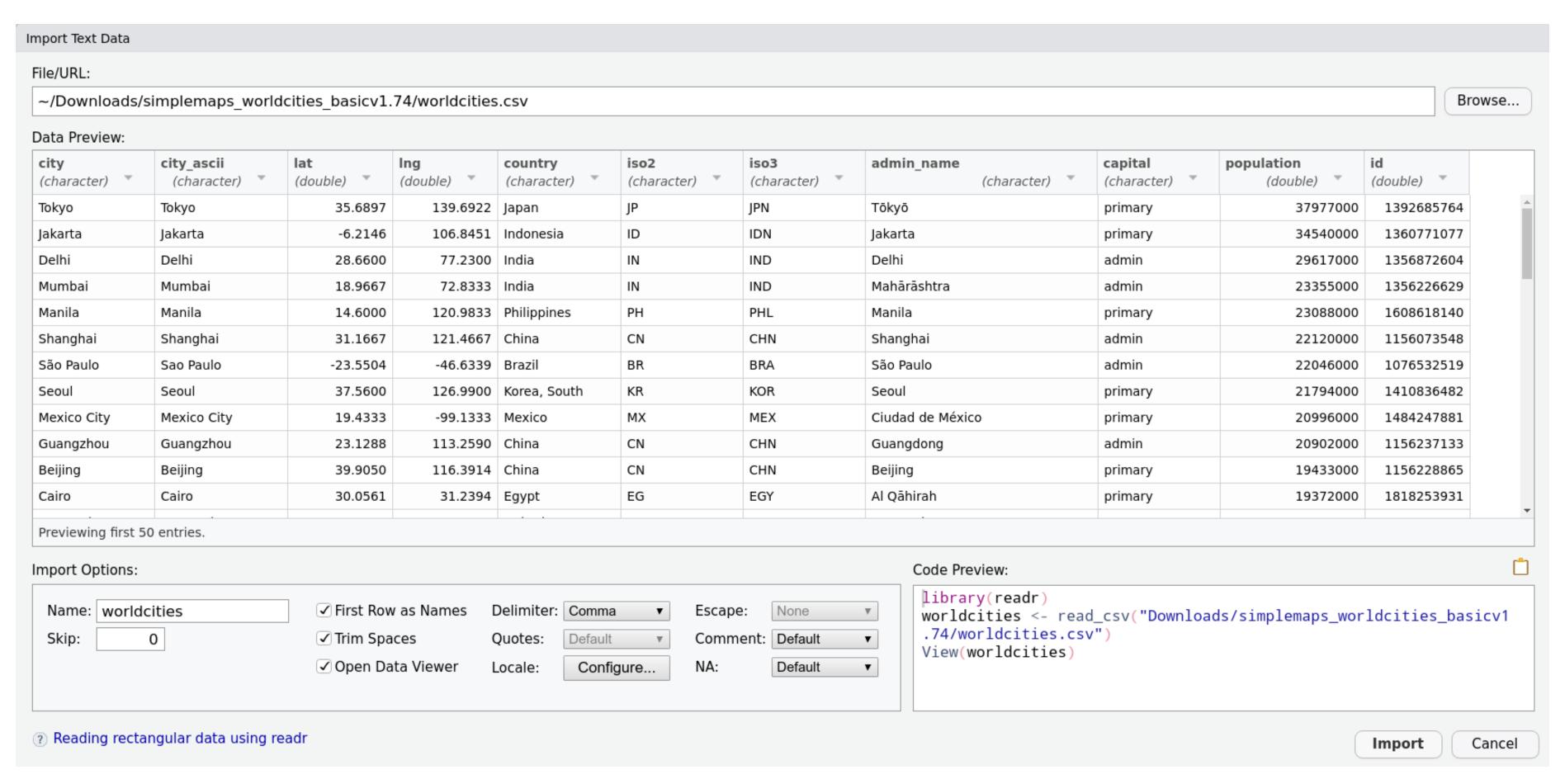
#### Load csv file

Download and unzip this file to a desired path

```
cities <- read.csv(file = "/home/dqc/Downloads/simplemaps_worldcities_basicv1.74/worldcities.csv",
                   header = TRUE, sep = ",", dec = ".") # Change path accordingly!
nrow(cities)
[1] 41001
head(cities) # head() prints only the first 6 rows
      city city_ascii
                                                             admin_name capital population
                         lat
                                  lng
                                          country iso2 iso3
               Tokyo 35.6897 139.6922
                                                                  Tōkyō primary 37977000 1392685764
     Tokyo
                                            Japan
                                                    JP
                                                        JPN
             Jakarta -6.2146 106.8451
                                        Indonesia
                                                        IDN
                                                                Jakarta primary
                                                                                  34540000 1360771077
   Jakarta
                                                    ID
                                                                                  29617000 1356872604
               Delhi 28.6600 77.2300
                                                        IND
                                                                  Delhi
    Delhi
                                            India
                                                                          admin
                                                    ΙN
   Mumbai
             Mumbai 18.9667 72.8333
                                            India
                                                        IND Mahārāshtra
                                                                                  23355000 1356226629
                                                    ΙN
                                                                          admin
              Manila 14.6000 120.9833 Philippines
   Manila
                                                                 Manila primary
                                                                                  23088000 1608618140
                                                    ΡН
                                                        PHL
             Shanghai 31.1667 121.4667
6 Shanghai
                                                               Shanghai
                                                                                  22120000 1156073548
                                            China
                                                        CHN
                                                                          admin
                                                    CN
tail(cities, 2) # tail() the last 6, but can be changed
             city city_ascii
                                                                          admin_name capital population
                             lat
                                          lng
                                                country iso2 iso3
41000 Timmiarmiut Timmiarmiut 62.5333 -42.2167 Greenland
                                                                            Kujalleq
                                                          GL
                                                              GRL
41001
         Nordvik
                     Nordvik 74.0165 111.5100
                                                 Russia
                                                              RUS Krasnoyarskiy Kray
              id
41000 1304206491
41001 1643587468
```

## Other ways of importing

- File → Import dataset → From text
  - (base) → same as before but with visual help
  - (readr) → using the readr library



#### **Factors**

- Factors categorize the data and store it as levels
- Use strings and integers
- Will prove very useful with *tidyverse* and plotting with *ggplot2*

```
data <- c("East","West","East","North","North","East","West","West","East","North")
print(data)
  [1] "East" "West" "East" "North" "North" "East" "West" "West" "West" "East" "North"

print(is.factor(data))
[1] FALSE

factor_data <- factor(data) # Change the data to factors
print(factor_data)
  [1] East West East North North East West West East North
Levels: East North West

print(is.factor(factor_data))
[1] TRUE</pre>
```

#### Factors in data frames

```
height <- c(132,151,162,139,166,147,122)
weight <- c(48,49,66,53,67,52,40)
gender <- c("male", "male", "female", "female", "male", "female", "male")</pre>
Note stringsAsFactors, changed to default FALSE from R 4.0
print(is.factor(input_data$gender))
[1] TRUE
print(input_data$gender)
[1] male male female female male female male
Levels: female male
str(input_data)
'data.frame': | 7 obs. of 3 variables:
$ height: num 132 151 162 139 166 147 122
$ weight: num 48 49 66 53 67 52 40
$ gender: Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 2 2 1 1 2 1 2
```

## Change order of factors

### Lists

Universal container → Can contain every other structure type

```
list_data <- list("Red", "Green", c(21,32,11),</pre>
                   TRUE, 51.23, 119.1)
print(list_data)
[[1]]
[1] "Red"
[[2]]
[1] "Green"
[[3]]
[1] 21 32 11
[[4]]
[1] TRUE
[[5]]
[1] 51.23
[[6]]
[1] 119.1
str(list_data)
List of 6
 $ : chr "Red"
 $ : chr "Green"
 $ : num [1:3] 21 32 11
 $ : logi TRUE
 $ : num 51.2
 $ : num 119
```

```
list_data <- list(c("Jan", "Feb", "Mar"),</pre>
             matrix(c(3,9,5,1,-2,8), nrow = 2),
             list("green", 12.3))
str(list_data)
List of 3
 $ : chr [1:3] "Jan" "Feb" "Mar"
 $ : num [1:2, 1:3] 3 9 5 1 -2 8
 $:List of 2
  ..$: chr "green"
  ..$ : num 12.3
names(list_data) <- c("1st Quarter", "Matrix", "Random")</pre>
str(list_data)
List of 3
 $ 1st Quarter: chr [1:3] "Jan" "Feb" "Mar"
 $ Matrix : num [1:2, 1:3] 3 9 5 1 -2 8
 $ Other list :List of 2
  ..$ : chr "green"
  ..$ : num 12.3
```

#### Lists II

```
list1 <- list(w=matrix(12:1, nrow = 4), x=c(1,5,7,11), y=c(TRUE,FALSE), z="Blah")
str(list1)
List of 4
 $ w: int [1:4, 1:3] 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 ...
 $ x: num [1:4] 1 5 7 11
 $ y: logi [1:2] TRUE FALSE
 $ z: chr "Blah"
list2 <- list(u=2:6, v=list1) # Merging lists
str(list2)
List of 2
 $ u: int [1:5] 2 3 4 5 6
 $ v:List of 4
  ..$ w: int [1:4, 1:3] 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 ...
  ..$ x: num [1:4] 1 5 7 11
  ..$ y: logi [1:2] TRUE FALSE
  ..$ z: chr "Blah"
```

### Accessing elements of lists

```
list2[1] # Content of first element as a list
$u
[1] 2 3 4 5 6
list2[[1]] # Contents of first element
[1] 2 3 4 5 6
list2$v # Accessing by names
$w
        [,1] [,2] [,3]

      12
      8
      4

      11
      7
      3

      10
      6
      2

      9
      5
      1

[1,]
[2,]
[3,]
[4,]
$x
[1] 1 5 7 11
       TRUE FALSE
[1] "Blah"
list2$v$z # Nested list by name
[1] "Blah"
```

#### Convert list to vector

```
unlist(list2)
      u1
                        u3
               u2
                                 u4
                                           u5
                                                  v.w1
                                                            v.w2
                                                                     v.w3
                                                                               v.w4
                                                                                        v.w5
                                                                                                 v.w6
                                                                                                           v.w7
                                                                                                                    v.w8
                                                                                                                              v.w9
                                                                                                  11711
              "3"
                       W 4 W
                                 "5"
                                          "6"
                                                  "12"
                                                            "11"
                                                                     "10"
                                                                               11911
                                                                                         11 8 11
                                                                                                            "6"
                                                                                                                     "5"
     "2"
                                                                                                                               11 4 11
  v.w10
           v.w11
                     v.w12
                                v.x1
                                         v.x2
                                                  v.x3
                                                            v.x4
                                                                     v.y1
                                                                               v.y2
                                                                                         V.Z
     "3"
              "2"
                       "1"
                                 11 1 11
                                          "5"
                                                   11 7 11
                                                            "11"
                                                                   "TRUE" "FALSE"
                                                                                      "Blah"
```

```
unlist(list2, recursive = FALSE) # Remove only the first level
$u1
[1] 2
$u2
[1] 3
$u3
[1] 4
$u4
[1] 5
```

```
$v.w
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
       12
[1,]
[2,]
       11
[3,]
       10
[4,]
$v.x
        5 7 11
[1]
$v.y
     TRUE FALSE
$v.z
[1] "Blah"
```

#### apply functions

```
df <- data.frame(matrix(1:20, nrow = 4))
print(df)
    X1 X2 X3 X4 X5
1    1    5    9    13    17
2    2    6    10    14    18
3    3    7    11    15    19
4    4    8    12    16    20

apply(df, MARGIN = 1, sum) # apply function row-wise
[1]    45    50    55    60

apply(df, MARGIN = 1, mean)
[1]    9    10    11    12

apply(df, MARGIN = 2, sum) # column-wise
X1    X2    X3    X4    X5
10    26    42    58    74</pre>
```

```
Note that their are applied column-wise (MARGIN=2)
lapply(df, mean) # "list" apply, returns list
$X1
[1] 2.5
$X2
[1] 6.5
$X3
[1] 10.5
$X4
[1] 14.5
$X5
[1] 18.5
sapply(df, mean) # "simple" apply, returns vector
       X2
           Х3
                 X4 X5
 2.5 6.5 10.5 14.5 18.5
```

User defined functions can be used

#### Control structures

- *if if-else*
- ifelse
- for
- while
- repeat
- switch
- Several reserved words are used here

#### if-else

• The general syntax of an *if* is:

```
# Example
x <- 5
if (x == 0) {
  print("x is Zero")
} else if (x < 0) {
  print("x is negative")
} else {
  print("x is positive")
}
[1] "x is positive"</pre>
```

Note the curly brackets

The indentation helps readability

#### Vectorized if

- Sometimes we need to apply conditions to vectors
  - Could be done with loops, but sometimes unnecessary
- Example: we now that 9999 is a flag for a missing value, so we change it to *Not Available*

# for loop

• Used when the length of the variable to iterate is known

### while loop

• The condition is evaluated before executing the code

```
k <- 1
x <- 0
while (k > 1e-5) {
    k <- 0.1 * k
    x <- x + k
    print(paste(k, x))
}
[1] "0.1 0.1"
[1] "0.01 0.11"
[1] "0.001 0.111"
[1] "1e-04 0.1111"
[1] "1e-05 0.11111"
[1] "1e-06 0.111111"</pre>
```

# repeat loop

• Similar to while but condition is within the body

```
z <- 1

repeat {
    z <- 0.1*z
    print(z)
    if (z < 1e-5) break
}
[1] 0.1
[1] 0.01
[1] 0.001
[1] 1e-04
[1] 1e-05
[1] 1e-06</pre>
```

#### switch

- Tests an expression against elements of a list
- If the value from the expression matches an element from the list, the corresponding value is returned
- Basic syntax is switch (expression, list)

```
print(switch(0, "red", "green", "blue")) # if no match, NULL is returned
NULL
print(switch(1, "red", "green", "blue"))
[1] "red"
print(switch(2, "red", "green", "blue"))
[1] "green"
print(switch(4, "red", "green", "blue"))
NULL

# The list can also be named and therefore use strings for matching
switch("color", "color" = "red", "shape" = "square", "length" = 5)
[1] "red"
switch("length", "color" = "red", "shape" = "square", "length" = 5)
[1] 5
```

#### Mixed example

```
mytranspose <- function(x) {</pre>
    if (!is.matrix(x)) {
        warning("argument is not a matrix: returning NA")
        return(NA_real_)
    y <- matrix(1, nrow=ncol(x), ncol=nrow(x))
    for (i in 1:nrow(x)) {
        for (j in 1:ncol(x)) {
            y[j,i] <- x[i,j]
    return (y)
mytranspose(1:4)
[1] NA
Warning message:
In mytranspose(1:4) : argument is not a matrix: returning NA
```

```
mytranspose(array(1:24, dim = c(4,3,2)))
[1] NA
Warning message:
In mytranspose(array(1:24, dim = c(4, 3, 2)):
   argument is not a matrix: returning NA
z <- matrix(1:15, nrow=5, ncol=3)</pre>
print(z)
       [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]

    [2,]
    2
    7
    12

    [3,]
    3
    8
    13

    [4,]
    4
    9
    14

[5,] 5
tz <- mytranspose(z)
print(tz)
       [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
[1,]
[2,]
                          9 10
[3,]
```

### Deeper into functions

- Syntax: function ( argument list ) {body}
- A function can have several arguments
- They can return an object and/or have a side effect
  - min() and sum() return values
  - print and plot have side effects
  - hist() has both
- The variables inside a function are local
  - No conflicts with the upper environment
  - Also, not accessible from it

### Check arguments

We can use the args function to check the arguments of other functions

```
args(rnorm) # rnorm generated random numbers from the normal distribution
function (n, mean = 0, sd = 1)
NULL

set.seed(42) # Do random numbers less random
rnorm(5, -3, 4) # Unnamed arguments must be ordered
[1] 2.4838338 -5.2587927 -1.5474864 -0.4685496 -1.3829267

set.seed(42)
rnorm(sd = 4, mean = -3, n = 5) # Named not
[1] 2.4838338 -5.2587927 -1.5474864 -0.4685496 -1.3829267

args(plot)
function (x, y, ...)
NULL
```

- The ... means that other arguments can be passed on to other functions
  - Pro: makes R very flexible
  - Con: quickly becomes complicated to track what is going on behind the scenes

#### More about arguments

- Arguments can be hardcoded
  - So, if no arguments given still work

```
sum_pow <- function(x,y) {
    return(sum(x**y))
}
sum_pow(1:5, 3)
[1] 225

sum_pow <- function(x=1:5, y=3) {
    return(sum(x**y))
}
sum_pow()
[1] 225</pre>
```

- Lazy evaluation of function
  - Arguments are only evaluated when needed

```
random_function <- function(a, b) {
    print(a^2)
    print(b)
}
random_function(6)

[1] 36
[1] 6
Error in print(b) : argument "b" is missing, with no default</pre>
```

Error only encountered when b was evaluated

#### Some statistics

- Linear model fit → lm(x ~ y, data=df)
- Generalised linear model → glm (x ~ y, data=df)
- Detailed information of models and dataframes → summary ()
- T-test for difference between means → t.test(x, y)
- T-test for paired data → pairwise.t.test()
- Test for difference between proportions → prop. test()
- Analysis of variance → aov ()
- More... → check package stats
  - Give them a try!

### **Built-in distributions**

Distribution	Random variates	Density function	Cumulative distribution	Quantile
Normal	rnorm	dnorm	pnorm	qnorm
Lognormal	rlnorm	dlnorm	plnorm	qlnorm
Poison	rpois	dpois	ppois	qpois
Binomial	rbinom	dbinom	pbinom	qbinom
Uniform	runif	dunif	punif	qunif

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For more distributions check here

## Base-R plotting

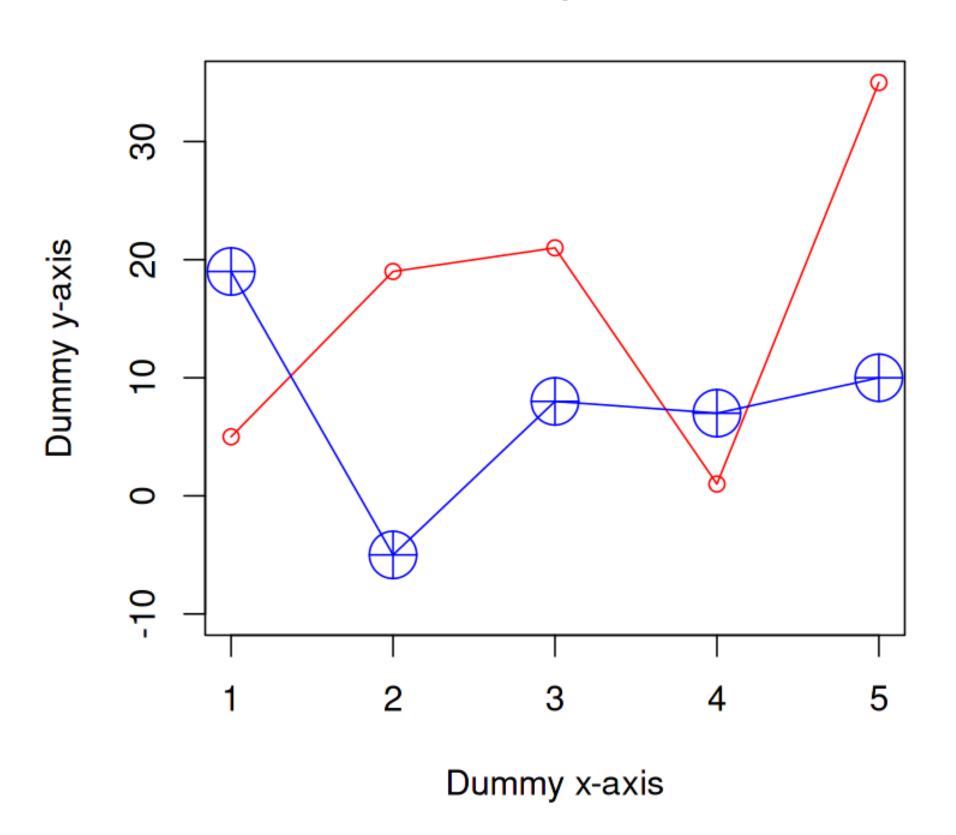
- Base-R includes plotting routines for:
  - Line graphs → plot ()
  - Scatter plots → plot ()
  - Histograms → hist()
  - Density plots → density ()
  - Quantile Quantile plots → qqplot ()
  - Pie charts → pie ()
  - Bar charts → barplot ()
  - Boxplots → boxplot()
  - More...
- Multiple plots in one with par ()

- Generic plots → plot (), depends on the type of data
  - x and y: the coordinates of points to plot
  - type: the type of graph to create
    - type="p": for points (by default)
    - o type="1": for lines
    - type="b": for both, points are connected by a line
    - o type="o": for both overplotted
    - type="h": for histogram like vertical lines
    - o type="s": for stair steps
    - o type="n": for no plotting

### Line graphs and save

```
setwd("Documents/PhD/Students/R_course/FRM/images/")
x < -c(5, 19, 21, 1, 35)
y < -c(19, 2, 8, 7, 10)
# Save as png, note the dpi and sizes
png(file = "dummy_line.png", res=150, width=800,
    height=800, units = "px", pointsize = "14")
plot(x, type = "o", col = "red", xlab = "Dummy x-axis",
     ylab = "Dummy y-axis", main = "Dummy data")
lines(y, type = "o", col = "blue", pch=10, cex=3)
dev.off() # to save the file
RStudioGD
```

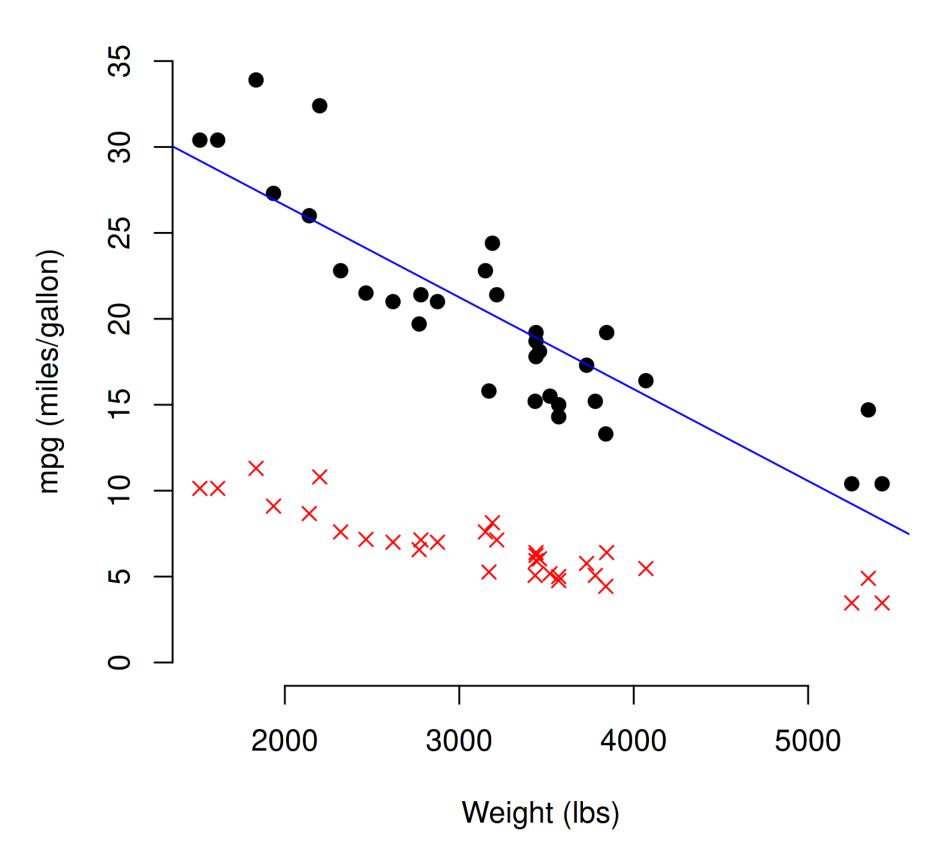
#### **Dummy data**



### Scatter plots

```
?mtcars
x <- mtcars$wt * 1000
y <- mtcars$mpg
png(file = "dummy_scatter.png", res=300, width=1600,
    height=1600, units = "px", pointsize = "12")
plot(x, y, xlab = "Weight (lbs)",
     ylab = "mpg (miles/gallon)",
     main = paste0("Please excuse the non-SI units"),
     pch = 19, frame = FALSE, ylim = c(0, max(y))
points(x, y/3, col="red", pch=4)
abline(lm(y \sim x), col = "blue")
dev.off()
```

#### Please excuse the non-SI units



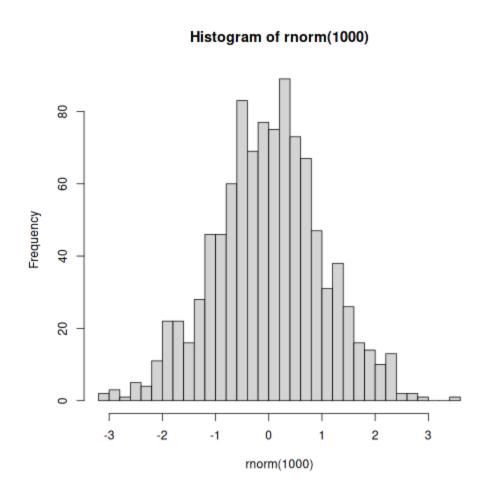
## Histogram and density plots

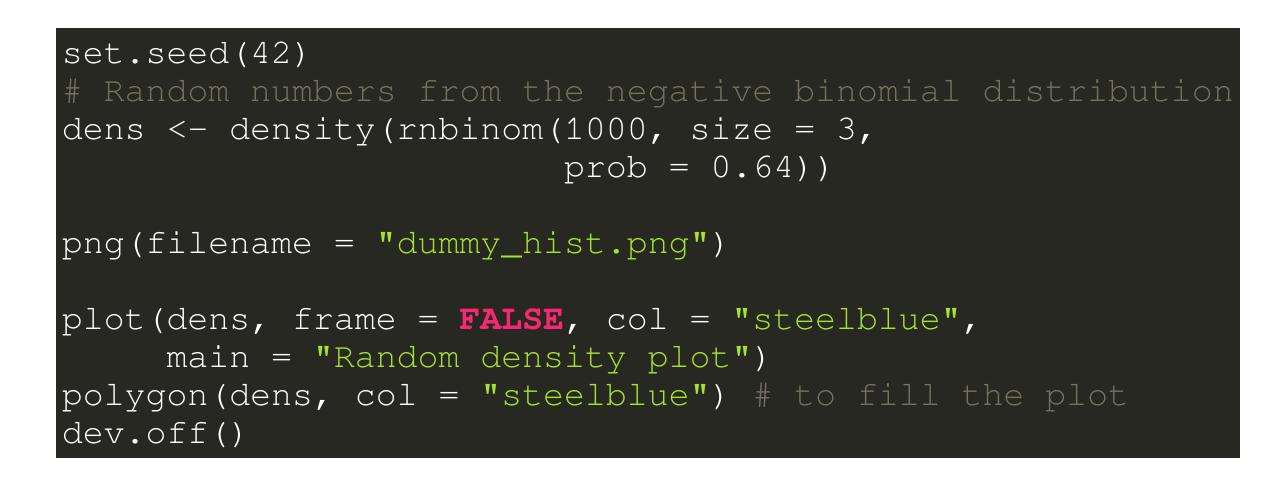
```
# Plot should be different to mine if
# seed number is changed
set.seed(42)

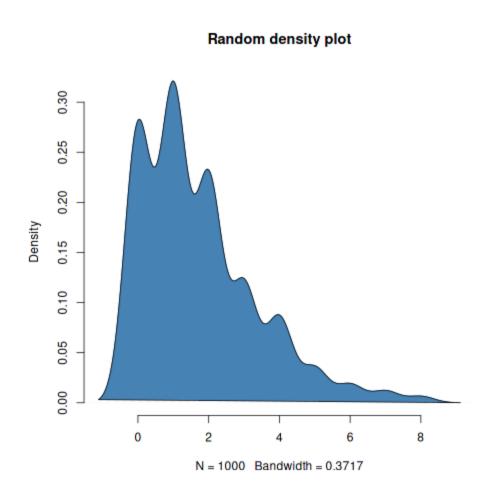
png(filename = "dummy_hist.png")

# Change breaks and note the differences
hist(rnorm(1000), breaks = 25)

dev.off()
```





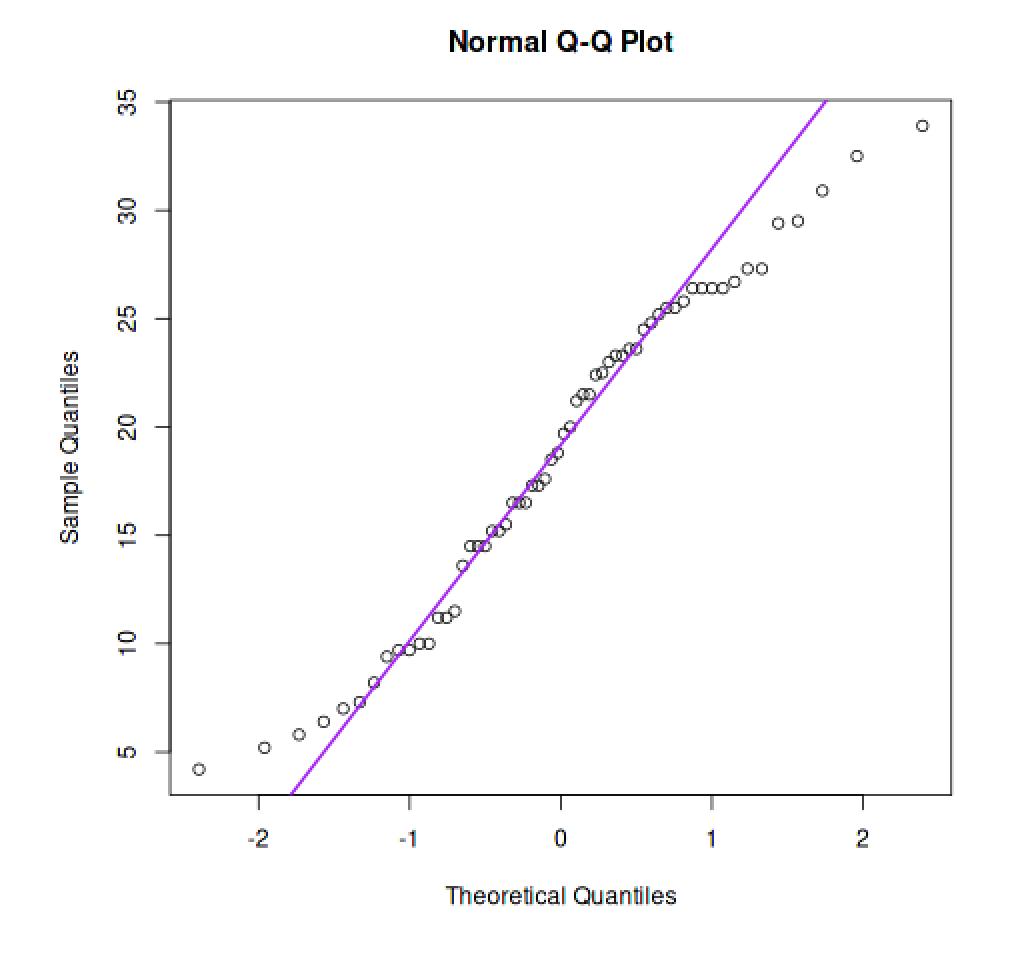


# Quantile — Quantile

```
# ToothGrowth dataset
?ToothGrowth

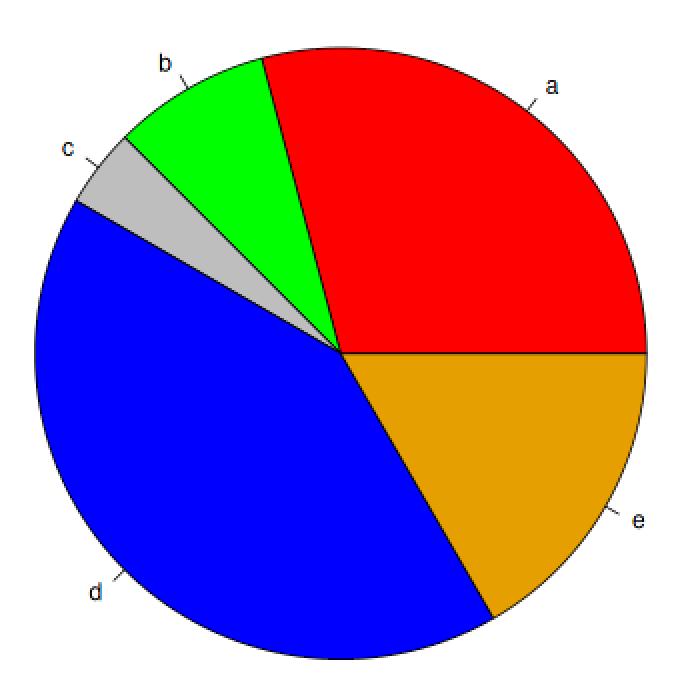
png("dummy_qq.png")
qqnorm(ToothGrowth$len, pch = 1)
qqline(ToothGrowth$len, col = "purple", lwd = 2)

dev.off()
```



#### Pie charts

#### Pie example



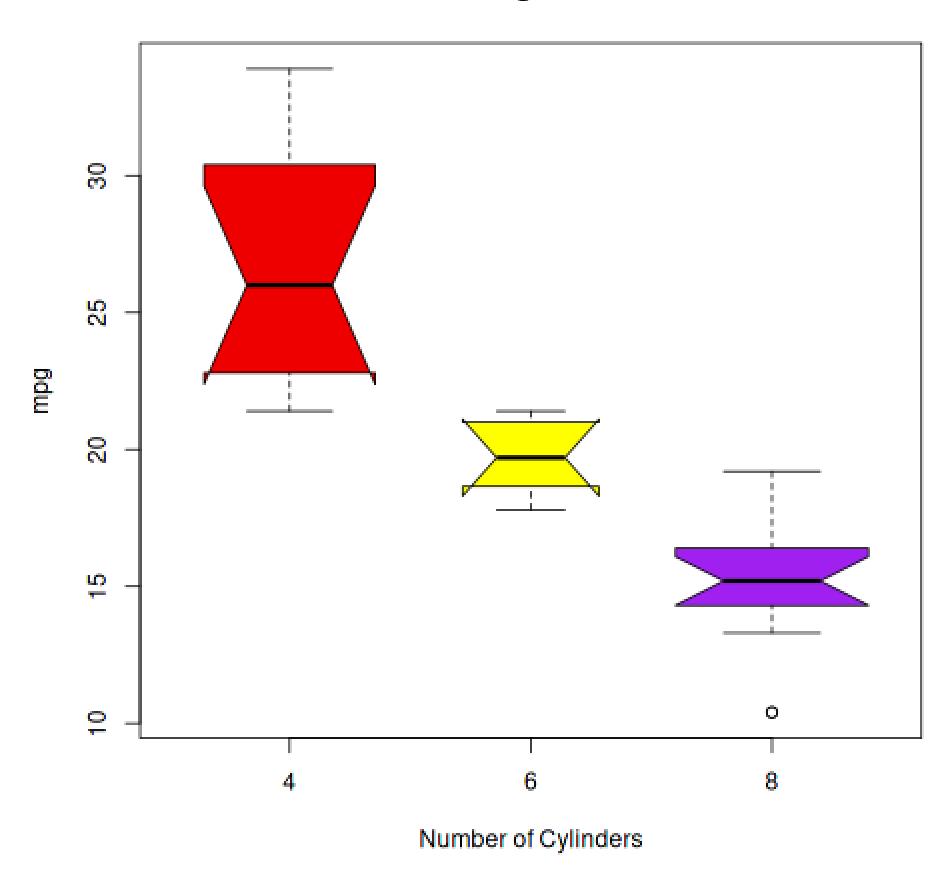
### Barplots

#### Death Rates in Virginia 70 50-54 □ 55-59 60-64 65-69 □ 70-74 50 40 Age 30 20 10 Rural Male Urban Female Rural Female Urban Male

Group

## Boxplots

#### Mileage Data



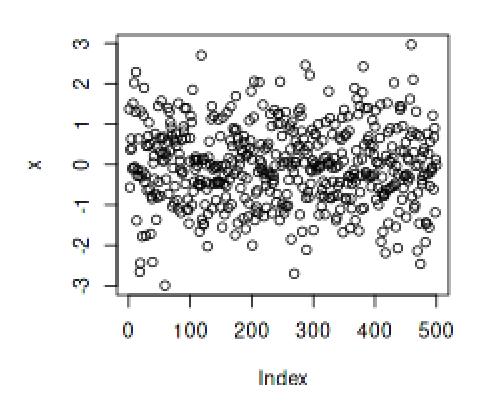
# Multiple plots

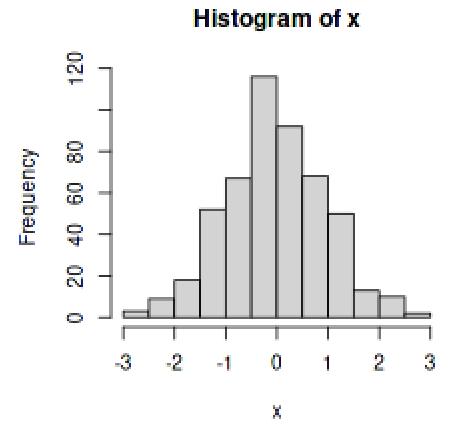
```
set.seed(42)
x <- rnorm(500)

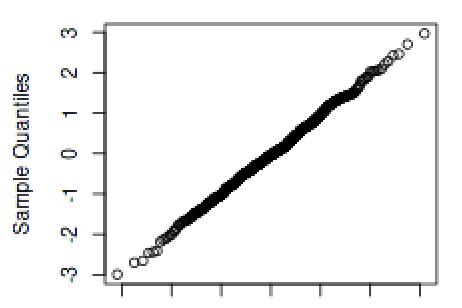
png("dummy_multi.png")

par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(x)
hist(x)
qqnorm(x)
boxplot(x)

dev.off()</pre>
```

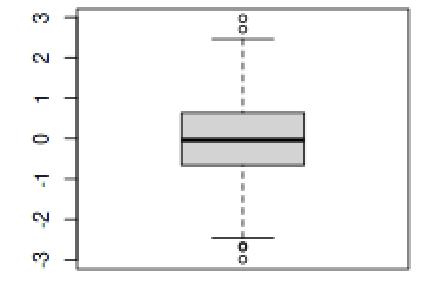






Normal Q-Q Plot

Theoretical Quantiles

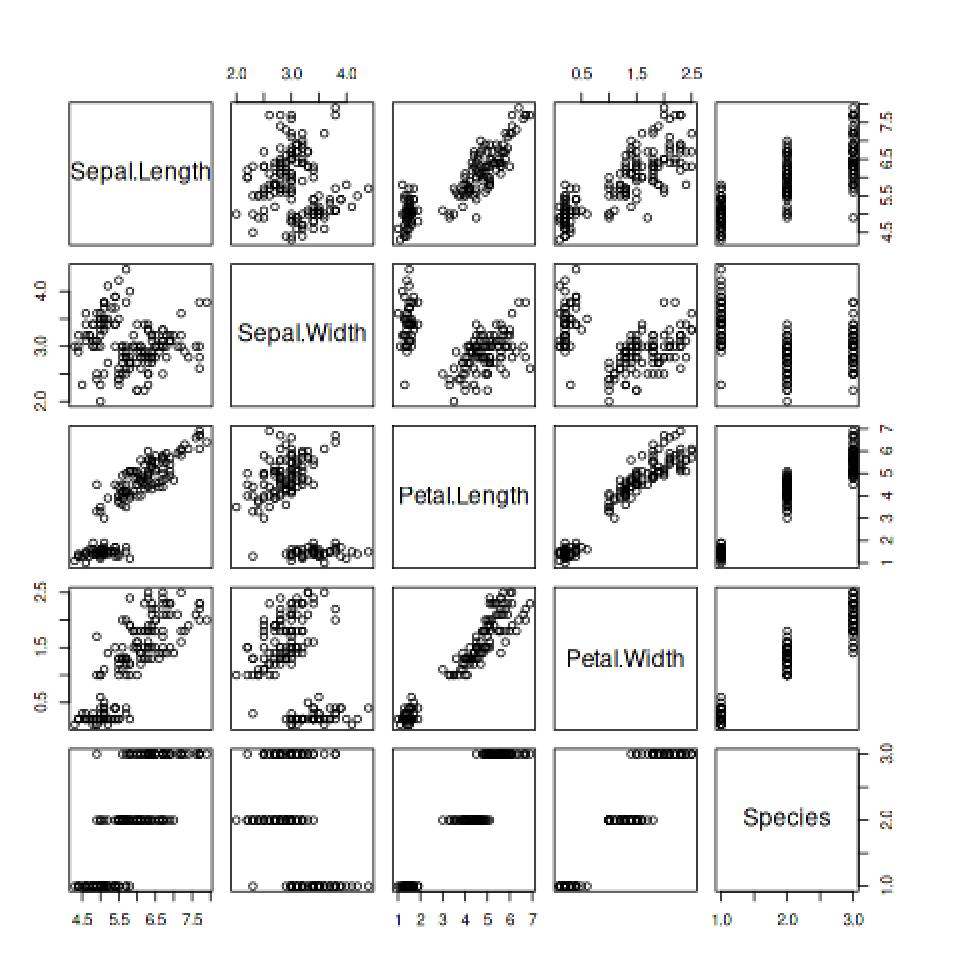


## More about generic plots

• Sometimes, depending on the dataset, a complex comparative plot is generated automatically

```
# iris dataset
?iris

png("iris.png")
plot(iris)
dev.off()
```



### Last remarks about base plotting

- The built-in help system is your friend
- There are a lot more details and parameters to play with:
  - Margins
  - Types of pch
  - cex → scaling of plotting characters
  - $lty \rightarrow line type$
  - $1 \text{wd} \rightarrow \text{line width}$
  - xlim and ylim
- Plots can be saved as:
  - png () → used here so far
  - jpeg() → used mostly for photographs, not that useful here
  - $tiff() \rightarrow similar to png$ , some journals ask for it
  - svg() → vector, allows editing
  - pdf() → vector, very useful
- Will go in more detail with ggplot2 → allows more modifications

#### Exercise I

- 1. List all CSV files using list.files. Check the options full.names & recursive
- 2. Loop over the listed files and read them as dataframes or time series
- 3. Pick CSV files of your choice and:
  - 1. Plot different types of plots
  - 2. Run some statistical tests.
  - 3. Explore the climate conditions of your area
- 4. You may do some aggregation, e.g., monthly, seasonally, and annually
- 5. You can perform trend analysis or any time series analysis you would like.
- 6. You may convert the variables to common units such as Celsius or mm/day
  - Climate Variables:
    - 1. sfcWind → Surface wind [m/s]
    - 2. pr → Precipitation [kg m-2 s-1]
    - 3. tas → Surface temperature [k]