

Session 02 - Exercises

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Before you begin:

- Make sure that R is installed on your computer
- For this lab, we will use the following R libraries:

Set your working directory to your home directory using in R*

The data files are in the folder `/data/SISG2022M15/data/`.

Population Structure Inference

Introduction

We will be working with a subset of the genotype data from the Human Genome Diversity Panel (HGDP) and HapMap.

The file `YRI_CEU_ASW_MEX_NAM.bed`

(https://github.com/joellembatchou/SISG2022_Association_Mapping/tree/master/data) is a binary file in PLINK BED format with accompanying BIM and FAM files. It contains genotype data at autosomal SNPs for:

- Native American samples from HGDP
- Four population samples from HapMap:
 - Yoruba in Ibadan, Nigeria (YRI)
 - Utah residents with ancestry from Northern and Western Europe (CEU)
 - Mexican Americans in Los Angeles, California (MXL)
 - African Americans from the south-western United States (ASW)

File with ancestry labels assignment for each sample: `Population_Sample_Info.txt`

(https://raw.githubusercontent.com/joellembatchou/SISG2022_Association_Mapping/master/data/Population_Sample_Info.txt)

Exercises

Here are some things to look at:

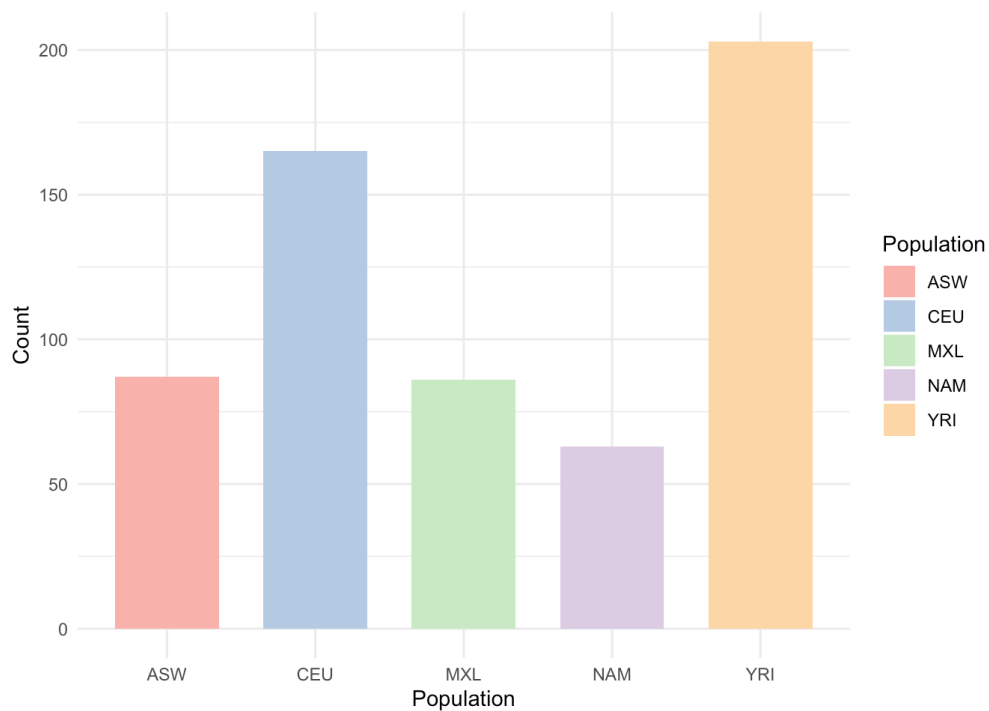
1. Examine the dataset:
 - How many samples are present?

```
[1] 604
```

- How many SNPs?

```
[1] 150872
```

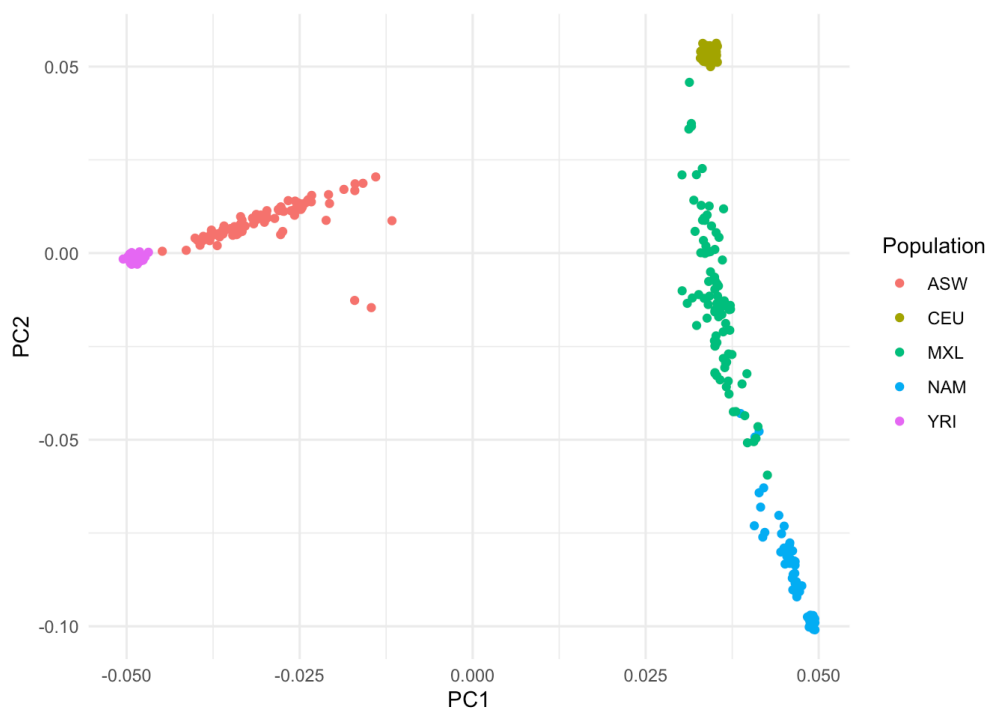
- What is the number of samples in each population?



2. Get the first 10 principal components (PCs) in PLINK using all SNPs. The basic command would look like

This generates a file `<output_prefix>.eigenvec` containing the PCs (eigenvectors) as well as another file `<output_prefix>.eigenval` containing the top eigenvalues.

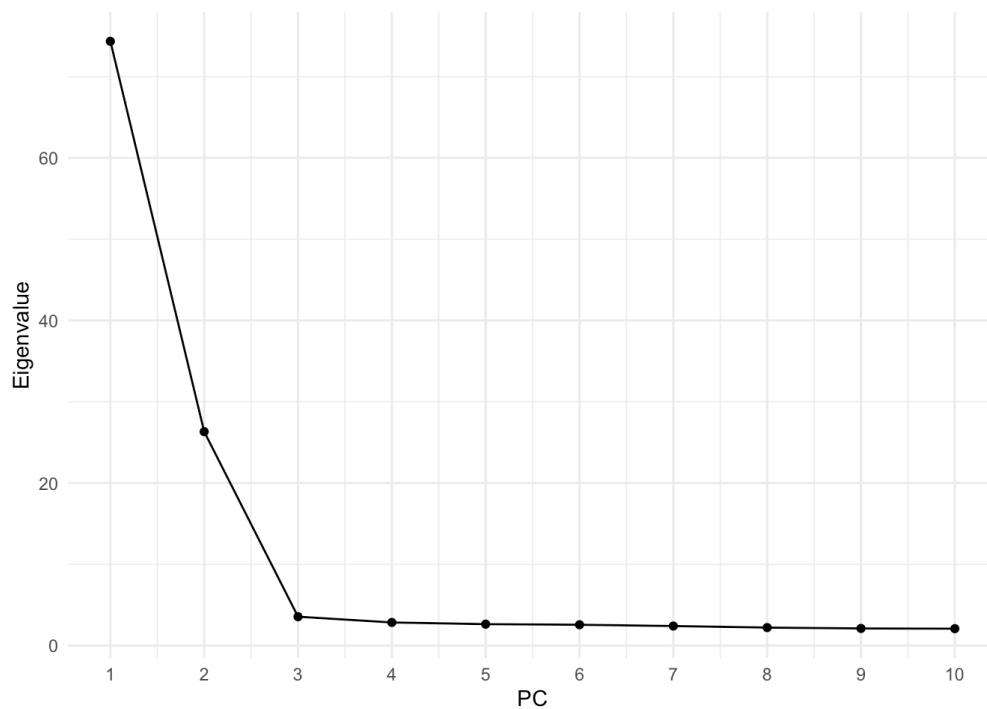
- Make a scatterplot of the first two PCs with each point colored by population membership.



* Interpret the first two PCs, what ancestries are they reflecting?

```
[1] "African ancestry vs non-African ancestry"
```

- Make a scree plot of the eigenvalues for the first 10 PCs.



Approximate the proportion of variance explained by the first two PCs.

```
[1] 0.8308752
```

3. Now redo Question 2 above using the `bigsnpr` R package (<https://privefl.github.io/bigsnpr/reference/index.html>) specifying a r^2 threshold of 0.2 (i.e. LD pruning) as well as a minimum minor allele count (MAC) of 20. The basic command would look like

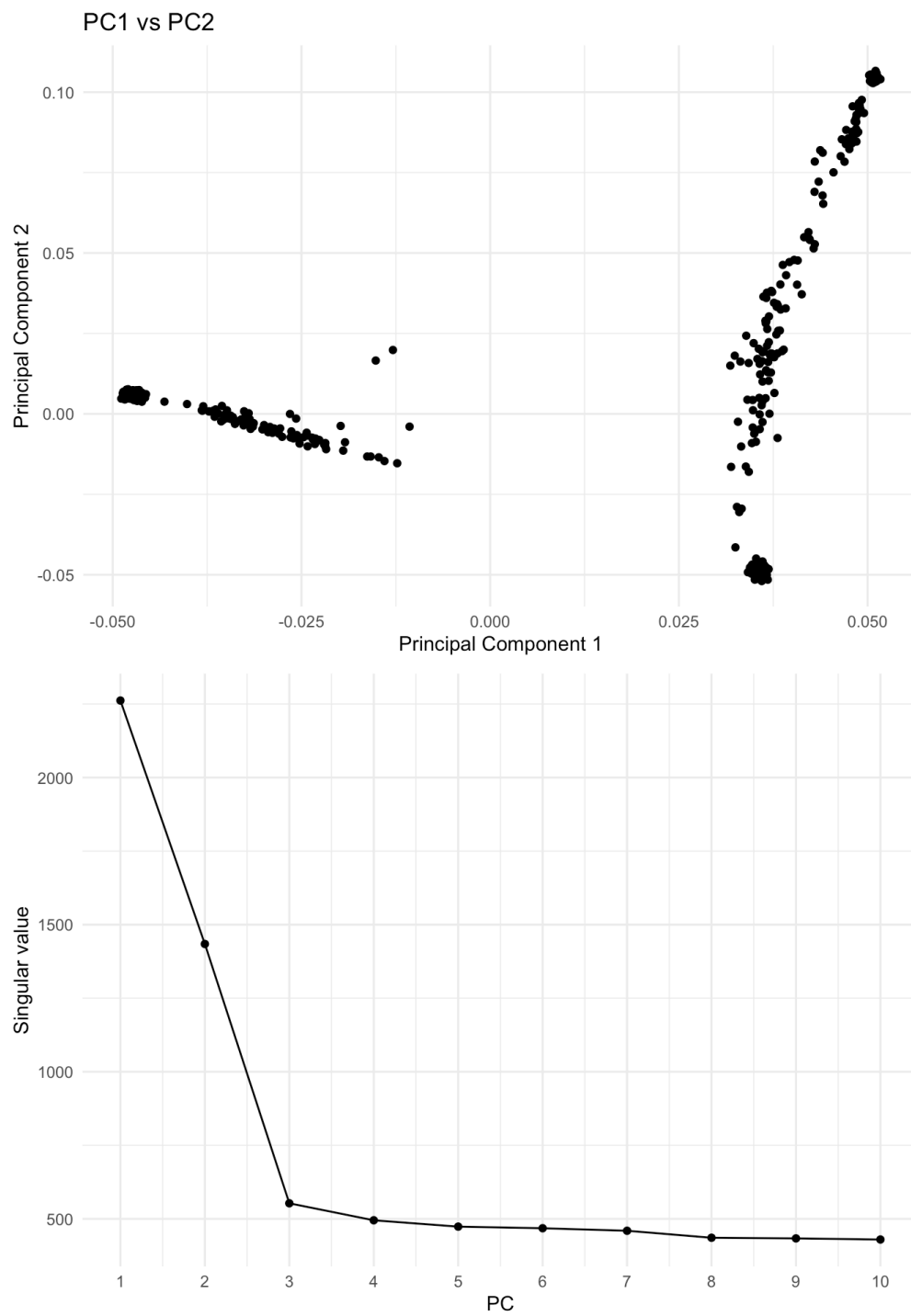
```
Phase of clumping (on MAC) at r^2 > 0.2.. keep 87127 variants.
Discarding 48 variants with MAC < 20.
```

```
Iteration 1:
Computing SVD..
```

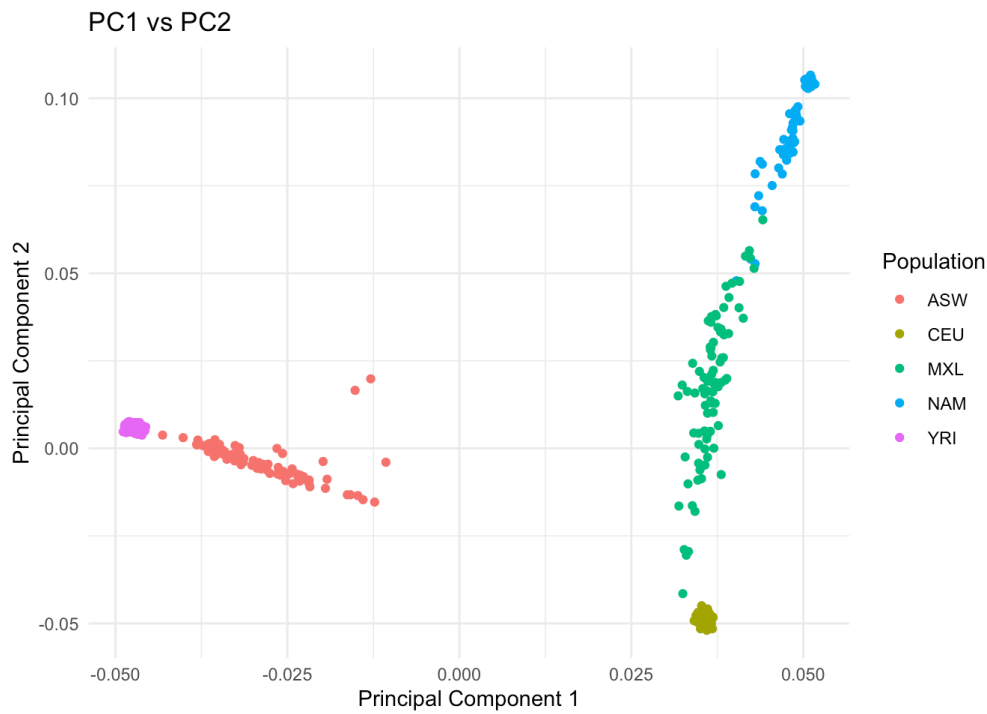
```
The default of 'doScale' is FALSE now for stability;
set options(mc_doScale_quiet=TRUE) to suppress this (once per session) message
```

```
0 outlier variant detected..
```

```
Converged!
```



- Run PCA and make a scatter plot of the first two principal components (PCs) with each point colored according to population membership.

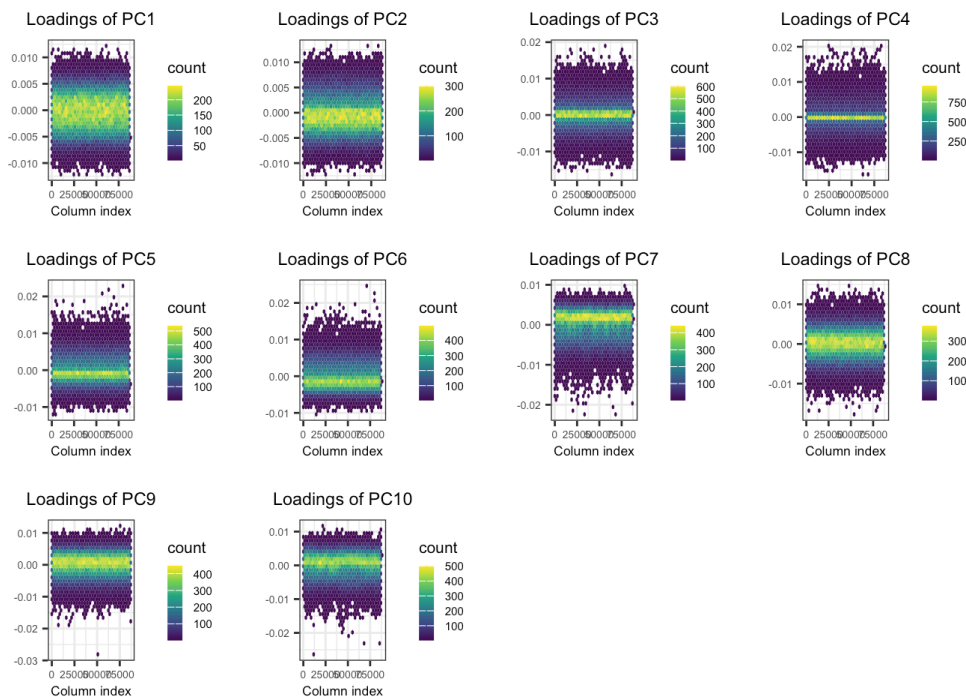


- Does the plot change from the one in Question 2?

```
[1] "No"
```

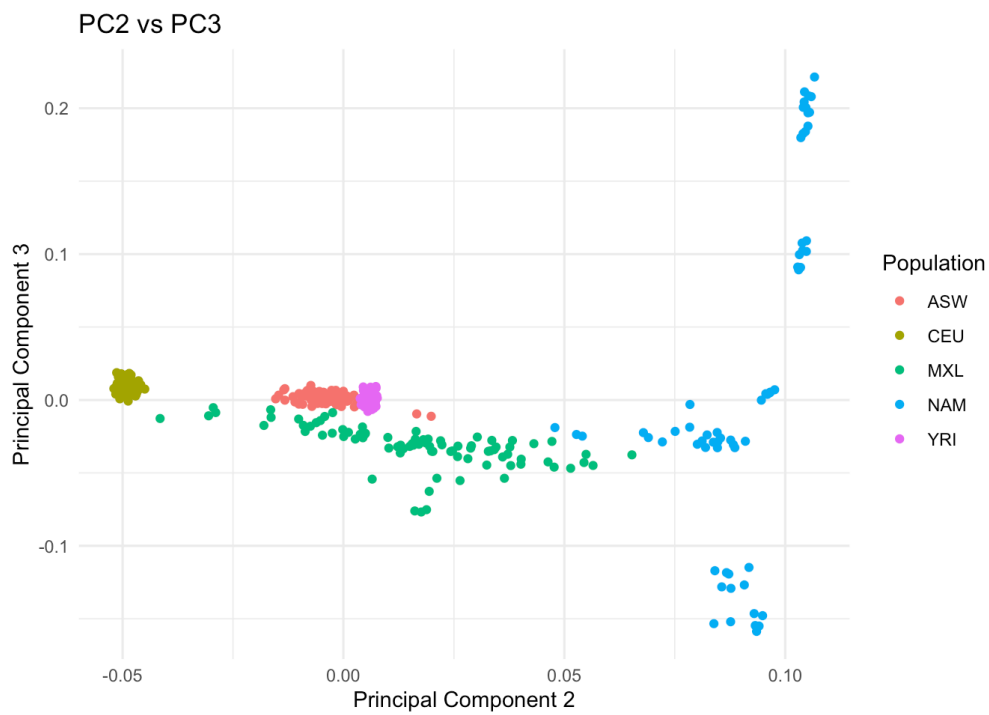
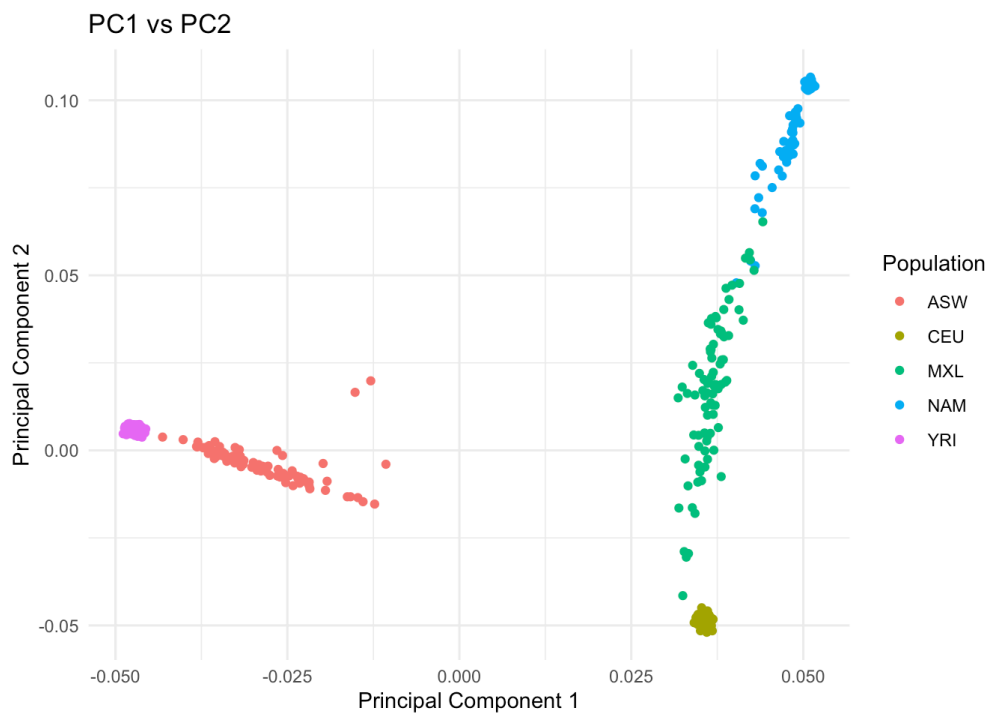
- Check the SNP loadings for the first 10 PCs.

```
$mflow
[1] 1 1
```



(Hint: This tutorial document (<https://privefl.github.io/bigsnpr/articles/bedpca.html>) from *bigsnpr* might be helpful)

- Predict the proportional Native American and European Ancestry for the HapMap MXL from the PCA output in Question 3 using one of the principal components. (Which PC is most appropriate for this analysis?) Assume that the HapMap MXL have negligible African Ancestry.

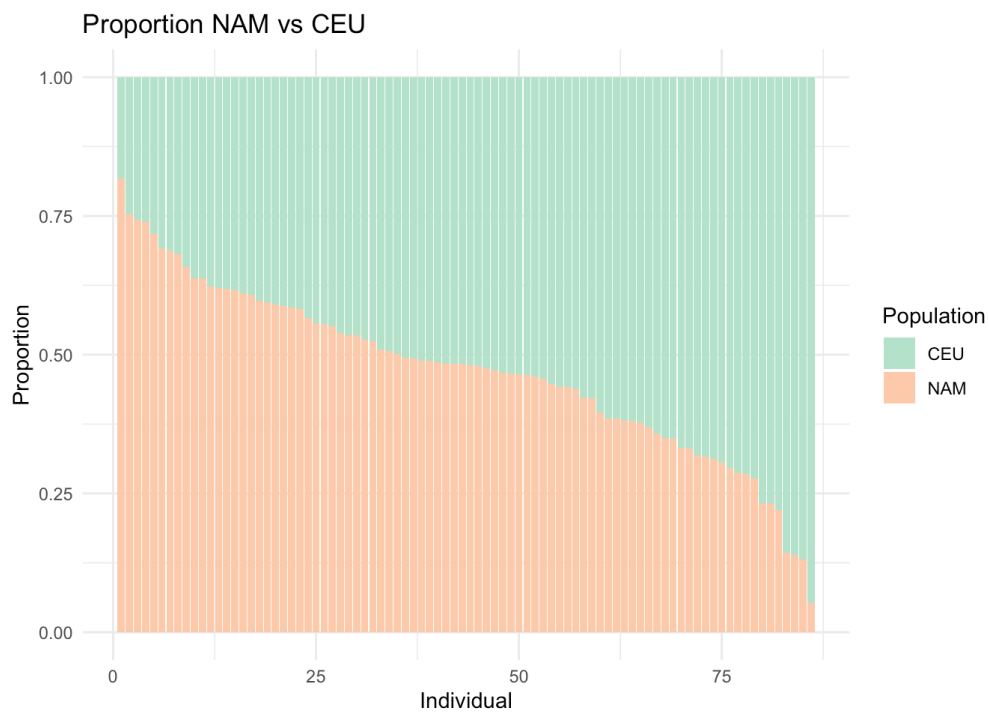


Best component is Principal Component 2 as MXL spans between Native American and European Ancestry on that component

Mean	
CEU	-0.04885356
NAM	0.09084845

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
X1	1	86	0.47	0.15	0.48	0.48	0.15	0.05	0.82	0.76	-0.3	-0.06	0.02

5. Make a barplot of the proportional ancestry estimates from question 4.



Extra: 6. Check if there are samples related 2nd degree or closer. If so, run PCA as in Question 3 removing these samples then project the remaining samples onto the PC space. The basic command would look like

```
int [1:116] 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 12 15 16 ...
```

Phase of clumping (on MAC) at $r^2 > 0.2$.. keep 77173 variants.
Discarding 12226 variants with MAC < 20.

Iteration 1:
Computing SVD..
0 outlier variant detected..

Converged!

