# MATH9102 Fundamentals of Data Analysis

FUNDAMENTALS —GETTING STARTED WITH R DR. DEIRDRE LAWLESS

# Time to get practicing ...

INSTALL R AND YOUR IDE



## Choose an IDE

R Studio

DataSpell

**VSCode** 





## Getting Started with R

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I will be using R and Rstudio during classes.

Getting started with R and RStudio: <a href="https://education.rstudio.com/learn/beginner/">https://education.rstudio.com/learn/</a> <a href="https://education.rstudio.com/learn/">beginner/</a>

rting point will serve all beginners, but here are 6 ways to begin learning R.

Il Q, RStudio, and R packages like the tidyverse. These three installation steps are often



#### R is a programming language

- "base" R
  - Comes with R out of the box, no extra packages.
  - Philosophy
    - More "procedural" and function-based.
    - Less opinionated than other languages: you can do the same task in many different ways.
  - Functions like mean(), sum(), lm(), plot().
  - You manipulate data with vectors, matrices, lists, and data.frames.
  - You need to fully read and understand all the parameters and their values to understand what the code is doing



There are lots of different aspects of behaviour you will need to use.

These are available as *packages* you can install as needed.

Packages are collections of functions and datasets that add new features to R.

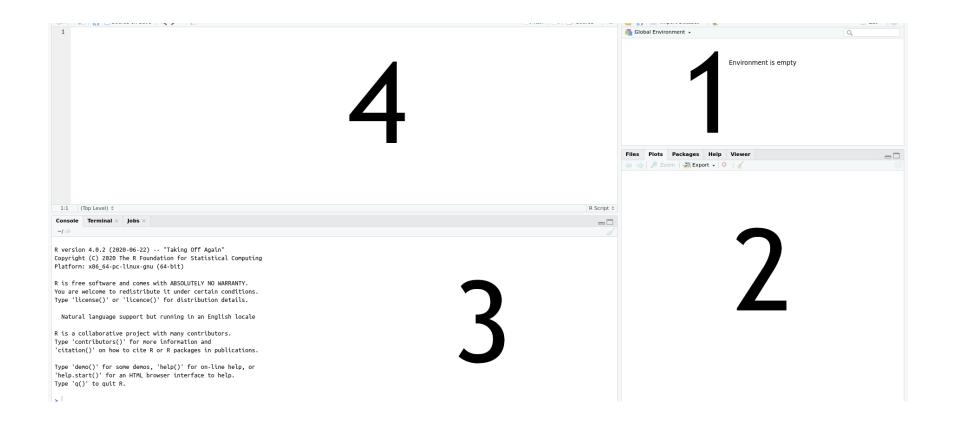
Most R packages are available from CRAN, the official R repository – a network of servers (so-called mirrors) around the world.

We will talk about how to install these packages in a later slide.



#### R is a programming language

- "tidyverse"
  - A collection of add-on packages for working with different types of data.
  - There are separate functions for everything, which is perfect for code that relies on pipes
    - Pipes (|) are operators that let you improve your code's readability and restructure your code so that it is read from left to right instead of from the inside out
  - Both ggplot2 and dplyr are part of the tidyverse, which are key data visualization and manipulation packages.



# R Studio Interface

#### R Studio Interface

#### 1. The Environment pane

Where a list of the data you have imported and created can be found.

#### 2. The Files, Plots and Help pane

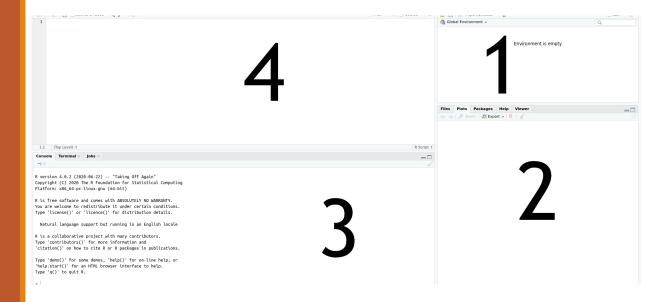
Where you can see a list of available files, will be able to view graphs that you produce, and can find help documents for different parts of R.

#### 3. The Console pane

Used for running code.
This is where we'll start with the first few examples.

#### 4. The Script pane

Used for writing code.
This is where you'll
spend most of your time
working



#### R Studio Interface

#### The Console pane (3)

- Used for running code. This is where we'll start with the first few examples
- On startup this will show the R startup message and give you a prompt >
- You can type commands (code) directly into the Console and the results will be displayed below it or in the Viewer in the Files, Plots and Help pane (2)



#### R Studio Interface

Or you can create scripts and execute them

You will see the output in the Console and viewer

Or you can redirect your output to a file

You can run a script line by line (hit CTRL + Enter or position the cursor on the line and hit run or ) OR

Run the entire script (hit CTRL + Shift + Enter or select all the code and hit Run)



You can install packages from the Console or within a script:

- install.packages("tidyverse")
- OR in your IDE
  - R Studio Tools -> Install Packages

In order to use the functions contained in the packages you need to **load** it

library("tidyverse")

#### R variables

You can store data into variables using the <- operator

```
E.g. x <- 4
```

You can see what is stored in the variable by inputting the variable name at the console

#### Example:

```
income <- 100
taxes <- 20
net_income <- income - taxes
net_income</pre>
```

## R variables

You can use the variable/variables in functions e.g.

```
abs(income + taxes )
```

## Task 1

Install the **tidyverse** package into your IDE (from the Console)

Load the package (this will verify that it has successfully installed)

# Task 2

Try entering some commands at the console e.g.

```
1+1
2*7
sqrt(4)
```

# Working with data

We will usually want to work with sets of data

We can create a single variable to handle a list of values of set of variables with values

#### **Vector**

```
Each item is an element. E.g.
age <- c(28, 48, 47, 71, 22, 80, 48, 30, 31)
We can apply calculations to it
age * 12
You can use it in functions e.g.:
min(age)
max(age)
sum(age)</pre>
```

# Working with data

Usually we want to work with more than one variable

In this case we use a dataframe

We can use a second vector:

```
purchase <- c(20, 59, 2, 12, 22, 160, 34, 34,
29)</pre>
```

And combine it with age into a dataframe:

```
techsales<- data.frame(age, purchase)</pre>
```

If you enter techsales into the Console you should see each element in age displayed beside the equivalent element in purchase

#### Task 3

#### Try out some of the tidyverse functions

```
# Example: Filtering rows in a data fame
filtered_data <- filter(techsales, age > 40)
filtered_data

#View all the data
view(techsales)
```

## Task 3

```
# Create a categorical description using mutate
#%>% operator, known as the pipe operator, is used in the tidyverse
df categorized <- techsales %>%
 mutate(
   purchase category = case when(
     purchase > 100 ~ "Expensive",
     purchase <= 100 & purchase >= 20 ~ "Reasonable",
     TRUE ~ "Cheap"
df categorized
```

# Getting Started

Download the script MATH9102W1.R

Put this somewhere you can find it and open it in your chosen editor

We will review it section by section

# Getting Started

SECTION ONE: INSTALL AND LOAD THE PACKAGES

# Getting Started Interrogating the Dataset

SECTION TWO: SETUP THE DATAFRAME

# Getting Started Interrogating the Dataset

SECTION THREE: LOOK AT THE DATA