Introduction to R

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Introduction to R

- R is a programming language and a programming environment.
- It is Free! Developed by users under a GNU license.
- Runs on a variety of platforms including Windows, Unix and MacOS.
 You can even get it for Android.
- Allows for fast implementation of new methods by user demand through packages.
- R has state-of-the-art graphics capabilities.

Advantages of **R**

Frank Harrel (my highlighting):

• "One point that hasn't been made very explicitly is one of the greatest advantages of R:

Getting your work done better and in less time.

Hundreds of companies hire a multitude of SAS programmers to write code in an archaic language, the SAS macro language. I believe there is a real cost savings from R because of its value as a **data analysis**, **data manipulation**, and **graphics** environment. Instead of programming using an indirect syntax manipulation environment (SAS macros), in R you can program in a dynamic data-sensitive framework".

That was more than 10 years ago. Things have progressed since...

Base R

- Base R and most R packages are available for download at the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN).
- http://www.cran.r-project.org
- Base R includes basic data management, analysis and graphics tools.
- For non-specialized tasks, Base R is all you need.
- Specialized tasks may be handled by packages.
- We will download, install and use many packages during the course.
- Packages are not all very well-documented (depends on the contributor).
- Want to be sure about what your program does?
 - Use well-established packages only;
 - or write your own code.

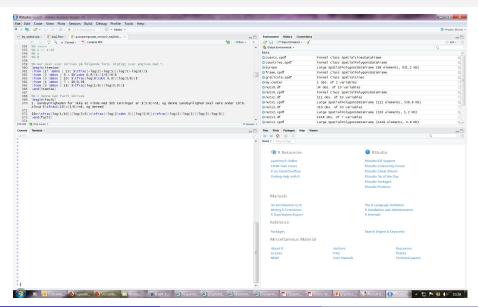
RStudio

- You can work directly in R.
- Many prefer another front end (GUI, Graphical User Interface).
- We will use RStudio.
- Download from http://www.posit.co/

RStudio

- The GUI RStudio has 4 windows.
- One for writing the commands (the "script").
 - Use script for reproducibility.
- One for results and interactive use.
- One for plots, help and packages.
- One showing which objects are resident in the R memory.

RStudio



R as a calculator

```
2+2
[1] 4
(2*5)+(12/3)-(2^3)
[1] 6
exp(log(1))
[1] 1
sqrt (25)
[1] 5
log(2*2)
[1] 1.3863
log(2) + log(2)
[1] 1.3863
```

Writing commands in R

- Commands are separated by either a new line or;
- R is case sensitive: id is a different name than ID.
- The character # at the beginning of a line shows that the text in this line is a comment. I.e. the text is not executed.
- Help can be found on the internet or in R by writing? followed by the function you want to help about:

?plot

• or, in RStudio, highlight the expression and press F1.

Objects in **R**

- Both data and output from analyses are stored as objects (if stored);
- Some times, output is just displayed on the screen, and you need to assign the object to an identifier to keep it (see below).
- In fact, everything in the R memory is stored in objects.
- An object could be a vector, a matrix or a data frame.
- Values are assigned to objects using the assignment operator <-
- The operator = also works, but it is not recommended as it may confuse assignments with default values and logical expressions.
- We can see the objects of the current R session memory in RStudio, or by using the function ls()

```
a <- 2+5
A <- 10
ls()
```

Generating a sequence

- Specify the first and last values separated by a colon.
- Otherwise use seq()

```
0:10
[1] 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
15:5
[1] 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5
seg(from = 0, to = 1.2, by = 0.1)
[1] 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0 1.1 1.2
x \leftarrow seq(from = 0, to = 1.5, length = 11); x
[1] 0.00 0.15 0.30 0.45 0.60 0.75 0.90 1.05 1.20 1.35 1.50
```

Generating repeats using rep()

```
rep(8, 5)
[1] 8 8 8 8 8

rep(1:4, each = 2)
[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4

rep(1:4, each = 2, times = 3)
[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4
```

Functions in R

We assign a simple function to the identifier f:

```
>f<-function(x){x^2}; f(2)
[1] 4
```

A function of two variables:

```
>f<-function(x,pow){x^pow}; f(2,2)
[1] 4
```

A function with a default value:

```
f(2,3)
```

- Γ1] 4
- [1] 4
- [1] 8

Functions in R

We have already used many functions with and without default values:

- "+"(2,2)
- sqrt(25)
- log(2)
- ls()
- ":"(0,10)
- seq(from=0.1,to=1.2,by=0.1)
- rep(1:4,each=2,time=3)

Many applications in R are built up as functions. You can see default arguments in the help files. Example: log.

Data structures in R: Singles

- Logical, e.g:
 TRUE
 [1] TRUE
 1==2
 [1] FALSE
 Single numbers, e.g:
 - > 1 [1] 1 > 1.2 [1] 1.2
- Character, e.g:

```
> "5"
[1] "5"
> "abc"
[1] "abc"
```

Data structures in R: Vectors

Constructed via the concatenate function c().

Vector of numbers, e.g:

```
> c(1,1.2,pi,exp(1))
[1] 1.000000 1.200000 3.141593 2.718282
```

• We can have vectors of other things too, e.g.

```
> c(TRUE,1==2)
[1] TRUE FALSE
> c("a","ab","abc")
[1] "a" "ab" "abc"
```

But not combinations, e.g.

```
> c("a",5,1==2)
[1] "a" "5" "FALSE"
```

Note that R just turned everything into characters!

Data structures in R: Matrices

Columns of same type and same length:

```
> matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6)+pi,nrow=2)
[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 4.141593 6.141593 8.141593
[2,] 5.141593 7.141593 9.141593
> matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6)+pi,nrow=2)<6
[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] TRUE FALSE FALSE
[2,] TRUE FALSE FALSE</pre>
```

Data structures in R: Data frames

- Same length of columns but different types; spread-sheet data.
- Created from reading in data from external files;
- or by using the function data.frame() on a set of vectors.

```
> data.frame(treatment=c("active","active","placebo"),
+ bp=c(80,85,90))
treatment bp
1 active 80
2 active 85
3 placebo 90
```

• Compare to a matrix created with the cbind() command:

Data structures in R: Lists

- Different length of columns and different types.
- Most general object type.

 The objects returned from many of the built-in functions in R are fairly complicated lists.

Importing Data to R

- The easiest is to use data saved as text files.
- Usually values in text files are separated, or delimited, by tabs or commas.
- First tell R where you want to find your data using the command setwd().
- Check that all went according to plan with getwd().

```
setwd("C:/Users/ANST/Teaching/02935 January 2025")
getwd()
[1] "C:/Users/ANST/Teaching/02935 January 2025"
```

Importing Data to R

- The function read.table() can be used to read data saved as text.
- Wrappers: read.csv(), read.csv2() and read.delim().
- Notice the option sep = .
- We are assigning the loaded data to objects.
- If you have an Excel sheet, then save as text.

```
Births.tab <- read.table("Data/Births.txt", header = TRUE, sep = "\t")

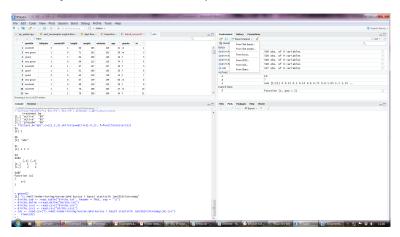
# SHORT FORM TO READ TAB SEPARATED
Births.delim <- read.delim("Data/Births.txt")

# SHORT FORM TO READ; SEPARATED
Births.csv2 <- read.csv2("Data/Births.csv")

# SHORT FORM TO READ, SEPARATED
Births.csv1 <- read.csv("Data/Births.csv1")</pre>
```

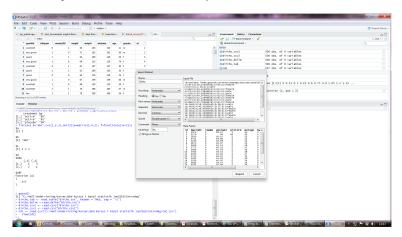
Importing Data using RStudio

In the Objects Window, click "Import Dataset"



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In the Objects Window, click "Import Dataset"



Importing Data from other stats programs

 We can read data from a series of other statistical software packages using the package foreign. A similar package is Hmisc, but we will stick to foreign.

```
# INSTALL AN EXTRA PACKAGE
install.packages("foreign")

# ACTIVATE THE PACKAGE
library("foreign")

SPSS_Data <- read.spss("Data/SPSS_Data.sav", to.data.frame = TRUE)

Stata_Data <- read.dta("Data/string.dta")</pre>
```

• For SAS data not in XPORT format, use the sas7bdat package.

Look at Your Data

There are several ways to look at the data (or parts of the data).

```
# FIRST FEW OBSERVATIONS
head(Births.tab)
  id bweight lowbw gestwks preterm matage hyp sex sexalph
       2974
                  38.52
                                  34
                                          2 female
       3270
                     NA
                            NΑ
                                  30
                                              male
   3
                                  35
                                          2 female
       2620
                38.15
  4 3751
               0 39.80
                                  31
                                              male
  5 3200
                 38.89
                                  33
                                              male
   6
       3673
               0 40.97
                                  33
                                          2 female
```

Look at Your Data

```
# I.AST FEW OBSERVATIONS
tail(Births.tab)
     id bweight lowbw gestwks preterm matage hyp sex sexalph
495 495
          2968
                     41.01
                                     34
                                                 male
496 496 2852
                  0 38.45
                                0
                                     28 0 2 female
497 497 3187
                  0 38.03
                                     38 1 1 male
                                     26 0 2 female
498 498 3054
                  0 38.50
499 499 3178
                  0 39.92
                                     31
                                         0 2 female
500 500 2918
                  0 37.97
                                             1 male
                                     31
# VARIABLE NAMES
names (Births.tab)
 [1] "id"
             "bweight" "lowbw" "gestwks" "preterm" "matage" "hyp"
 [8] "sex"
             "sexalph"
# VIEW THE DATA IN A NEW WINDOW; OFTEN THE HEAD WILL DO THOUGH
View (Births.tab)
```

Missing values

- In real life examples it is very common to have missing values.
- In R missing values are coded as NA (not available).
- In your Excel file leave missing values blank, do not set them to 99 or 999.

```
id bweight lowbw gestwks preterm matage hyp sex sexalph
1 1 2974 0 38.52 0 34 0 2 female
2 2 3270 0 NA NA 30 0 1 male
```

- Data are (usually) stored in a data frame object.
- Observations are the rows.
- Variables, either numerical or categorical, are the columns.
- We can access individual rows, columns and cells in the data frame.
- For this, we use the bracket operator: object[row, column].

```
# A SINGLE CELL
Births.tab[345, 4]

[1] 38.55

# LEAVING OUT A COLUMN NUMBER INDICATES THAT ALL COLUMNS
# ARE CHOSEN. HERE ALL COLUMNS IN ROW 224
Births.tab[224 , ]

id bweight lowbw gestwks preterm matage hyp sex sexalph
224 224 3216 0 39.94 0 38 1 1 male
```

```
ROW NUMBER INDICATES THAT ALL ROWS ARE CHOSEN
# HERE ALL ROWS IN COLUMN 5
Births.tab[ ,5]
  [24]
  [47]
  [70]
  [93]
 Γ1167
 [139]
 [162]
 [185]
 [208]
 [231]
 [254]
 [277]
 [300]
 [323]
 [346]
 [369]
 [392]
 [415]
 [438]
 [461]
 [484]
```

```
# USE RANGES, ROWS 15 TO 18 COLUMNS 1 TO 4
Births.tab[15:18, 1:4]

id bweight lowbw gestwks
15 15 3662 0 39.23
16 16 3035 0 38.96
17 17 3351 0 39.35
18 18 3804 0 38.99
```

Variables can be accessed directly using their name, either with the \$ operator (object\$variable), the name (object[,"variable"]), or the column number (object[,k]).

```
# GET THE BIRTH WEIGHT FOR CHILD 26 TO 36
Births.tab$bweight[26:36]

[1] 3585 3798 3164 3739 1780 4022 3942 2887 2391 3911 3509
Births.tab[26:36, "bweight"]

[1] 3585 3798 3164 3739 1780 4022 3942 2887 2391 3911 3509
Births.tab[26:36,2]

[1] 3585 3798 3164 3739 1780 4022 3942 2887 2391 3911 3509
```

Subsetting using the c() function

 The concatenate function c() concatenates the arguments into a vector. It can be used for many things; one is to access non-sequential rows and columns from a data frame.

Variable Names

If we want to change the variable names we can use names().

```
# NEW VARIABLE NAMES
names(Births.tab) <- c("ID", "Bweight", "LowBW", "GestWks",</pre>
                        "Preterm", "Matage", "Hyp", "Sex", "Sexalph")
# JUST THE FIRST VARIABLE NAME
names(Births.tab)[1] <- c("ID new")
# CHECK HOW IT WENT
names (Births.tab)
 [1] "ID_new" "Bweight" "LowBW" "GestWks" "Preterm" "Matage" "Hyp"
 [8] "Sex" "Sexalph"
# RESETTING
names(Births.tab)[1] <- c("ID")</pre>
```

Saving/Exporting data

 We can save the data to a textfile using either write.table() for a tab separated file, or write.csv()/write.csv2() for a comma/semicolon separated file (with "."and ","as decimal point, respectively).

Exercise: Protein Consumption

- Open RStudio and set the working directory to where you want to keep the data for the course today.
- Import the data Protein.xlsx to R.
- Look at the data.
- What is the protein consumption in Denmark?
- Look at the protein consumption from red meat alone.
- Look at the protein consumption in Denmark, Norway, Sweden from red meat, white meat and eggs.
- Rename the variables "RedMeat" and "WhiteMeat" to "Red" and "White".
- Save the new version of the protein data as a tab delimited text file "Protein2.txt".

Description of Data

We are still looking at the data set with birth weights for 500 children. Using the function str() we can see a description of what our data frame contains (the structure).

```
str(Births.tab)

'data.frame': 500 obs. of 9 variables:
$ id : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
$ bweight: int 2974 3270 2620 3751 3200 3673 3628 3773 3960 3405 ...
$ lowbw : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
$ gestwks: num 38.5 NA 38.2 39.8 38.9 ...
$ preterm: int 0 NA 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
$ matage : int 34 30 35 31 33 33 29 37 36 39 ...
$ hyp : int 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 ...
$ sex : int 2 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 ...
$ sexalph: chr "female" "male" "female" "male" ...
```

Description of Data: Birth weights

- str() supplies all information about an object. Much is redundant, do not use str() for report writing but for your own overview only.
- We see that we have a data frame with 500 observations and 9 variables.
- Some are integers but "gestwks" is numeric.
- The variable "sexalph" is a character variable.
- Note that "sexalph" and "sex" describes the same thing. But R does not interpret the character values as group labels.
- Factor: Grouping with informative labels. We can convert "sexalph" to a factor using as.factor().

Description of Data: Birth weights

```
# TELL R THAT sexalph IS A FACTOR
Births.tab$sexalph <- as.factor(Births.tab$sexalph)</pre>
levels(Births.tab$sexalph)
 [1] "female" "male"
str(Births.tab)
 'data frame': 500 obs. of 9 variables:
  $ id : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
  $ bweight: int 2974 3270 2620 3751 3200 3673 3628 3773 3960 3405 ...
  $ lowbw : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
  $ gestwks: num 38.5 NA 38.2 39.8 38.9 ...
  $ preterm: int 0 NA 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
  $ matage : int 34 30 35 31 33 33 29 37 36 39 ...
   hyp : int 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 ...
  $ sex : int 2 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 ...
  $ sexalph: Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 1 2 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 2 ...
```

Description of Data: Birth weights

```
# TELL R THAT sex IS A FACTOR WITH SPECIFIC LEVELS
Births.tab$sex <- factor(Births.tab$sex,labels =c("Male", "Female"))</pre>
levels(Births.tab$sex)
 [1] "Male" "Female"
str(Births.tab)
 'data frame': 500 obs. of 9 variables:
 $ id : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
 $ bweight: int 2974 3270 2620 3751 3200 3673 3628 3773 3960 3405 ...
 $ lowbw : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
 $ gestwks: num 38.5 NA 38.2 39.8 38.9 ...
 $ preterm: int 0 NA 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
 $ matage : int 34 30 35 31 33 33 29 37 36 39 ...
   hyp : int 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 ...
 $ sex : Factor w/ 2 levels "Male", "Female": 2 1 2 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 ...
 $ sexalph: Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 1 2 1 2 2 1 1 2 1 2 ...
```

Descriptive Statistics

- There are some simple functions for summary statistics in R.
- Very common extractor functions are mean(), sd(), median(), max() and min().

```
mean (Births.tab$bweight)
 [1] 3136.9
sd(Births.tab$bweight)
 [1] 637.45
median (Births.tab$bweight)
 [1] 3188.5
max (Births.tab$bweight)
 [1] 4553
min(Births.tab[ , 2])
 [1] 628
```

The Summary Function

- The function summary() can be used with many objects in R.
- When used on a data frame we get all the main summary statistics.

```
# SUMMARY OF THE DATA FRAME
summary(Births.tab)
      id bweight lowbw gestwks
                                    Min. :24.7
 Min. : 1 Min. : 628 Min. :0.00
 1st Qu.:126    1st Qu.:2862    1st Qu.:0.00    1st Qu.:37.9
 Median :250
            Median:3188 Median:0.00
                                    Median:39.1
 Mean :250
            Mean :3137 Mean :0.12
                                     Mean :38.7
 3rd Qu.:375 3rd Qu.:3551 3rd Qu.:0.00 3rd Qu.:40.1
 Max. :500
            Max. :4553 Max. :1.00
                                     Max. : 43.2
                                     NA's :10
   preterm matage hyp sex sexalph
 Min. :0.000 Min. :23 Min. :0.000 1:264 female:236
 1st Qu.:0.000 1st Qu.:31 1st Qu.:0.000 2:236 male :264
 Median : 0.000
              Median:34 Median:0.000
 Mean :0.129
              Mean :34 Mean :0.144
 3rd Qu.:0.000
              3rd Qu.:37 3rd Qu.:0.000
 Max. :1.000
              Max. :43 Max. :1.000
 NA's :10
```

Summaries

- \bullet We may only want summaries for some of the data, e.g. babies with birth weight $<2900{\rm g}.$
- We subset the data and then summarize as before:

```
summary (Births.tab[Births.tab$bweight<2900,])
       id
             bweight
                           lowbw
                                             gestwks
              Min. : 628 Min. :0.000
                                        Min. : 24.7
 1st Qu.:146
             1st Qu.:2120
                           1st Qu.:0.000 1st Qu.:35.5
 Median: 254
             Median :2580
                           Median:0.000
                                        Median:37.4
        :250
             Mean
                    :2355
                           Mean
                                :0.441
                                        Mean
                                               : 36 6
 Mean
 3rd Qu.:359
             3rd Qu.:2741
                           3rd Qu.:1.000
                                          3rd Qu.:38.5
 Max. :496
              Max. :2894
                           Max. :1.000
                                          Max.
                                                :41.4
                                          NA's
    preterm
                   matage
                                hyp
                                          sex
                                                sexalph
 Min.
        :0.000
                Min.
                      :24
                           Min. :0.000
                                          1:63
                                                female:73
 1st Qu.: 0.000
                1st Qu.:31
                           1st Qu.:0.000
                                          2:73
                                                male :63
 Median : 0.000
               Median :34
                           Median :0.000
 Mean : 0.403
                     :34
                           Mean :0.243
               Mean
 3rd Qu.:1.000
                3rd Qu.:37
                           3rd Qu.:0.000
 Max. :1.000
                Max.
                      :43
                           Max. :1.000
 NA's :2
```

Group Summaries

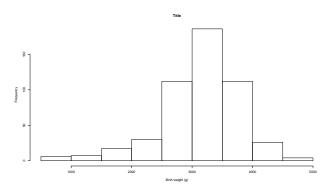
- Data may be separated by groups.
- Suppose that we want to calculate the mean birth weight for boys and girls (many ways to do this).
- We will use the tapply() function to apply the mean function to the two levels of "sexalph".
- tapply(<variable to summarize>, <variable to group by>, <function to use>).

```
# MEAN BIRTH WEIGHT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
tapply(Births.tab$bweight, Births.tab$sexalph, mean)
female male
3032.831 3229.902
```

Histogram

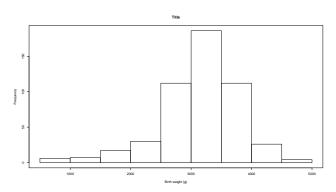
Often it is easier to get an impression of a distribution using plots. Histograms are typically used for continuous variables.

```
hist(Births.tab$bweight, main = "Title", xlab = "Birth weight (g)"
```



Histogram

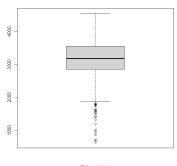
Often it is easier to get an impression of a distribution using plots. Histograms are typically used for continuous variables. Here with a box on.



Boxplot

Boxplots show the median, upper, lower quartiles and potentially extreme values.

```
boxplot(Births.tab$bweight, xlab = "Birth weight (g)")
```



Exercise: Descriptive Statistics 1

- Import the dataset cdc.csv into R.
- Look at the data.
- Describe the structure of the data.
- Change the variable "smoke100" to a factor.
- Summarize the variables in the dataset.
- Calculate the mean age by general health.
- Draw a histogram of age.
- Draw a boxplot of age.

Modifying Data

We will concentrate on how to modify and rearrange our data.

- Data can be sorted with the order function.
- order can sort the Birth.tab data by "sex", and then by "bweight".
- The order function returns a vector of sorted indices, which we apply to the rows of the unsorted data frame to get a sorted version.

```
Birth_sort <- Births.tab[order(Births.tab$sex, Births.tab$bweight), ]</pre>
head(Birth sort)
         bweight lowbw gestwks preterm matage hyp sex sexalph
253 253
                          30.71
             693
                                             34
                                                           male
226 226
             981
                          27.99
                                             29
                                                           male
181 181
          1019
                          28.04
                                             31
                                                           male
22
           1203
                          32.80
                                             39
                                                           male
312 312
           1500
                          35.27
                                             34
                                                           male
313 313
            1595
                          30.52
                                             33
                                                           male
```

Creating new variables and deleting old

New variables can be added to a data frame.

```
# ADD A VARIABLE TO DATA FRAME
Births.tab$log_bweight <- log(Births.tab$bweight)</pre>
```

Columns can be dropped from a data frame (log birth weight is column 10):

```
Births.tab <- Births.tab[ , -10]</pre>
```

```
# CREATE A VARIABLE AS A SEPARATE OBJECT
log_bweight <- log(Births.tab$bweight)
```

Objects can be removed from the R memory (cleaning up):

```
rm(log_bweight)
```

Grouping the values of a variable using cut

You might want to group a continuous variable e.g. mother's age (matage) into the groups:]20-30],]30-35],]35-40],]40-45]:

Creating new variables: RowSums

- Often we want to form new variables from other variables.
- For example, we might want to calculate a total score from sub scores.
- We can sum variables using rowSums. Related functions are: rowMeans, colSums, colMeans.
- Notice the option na.rm.
- If we take a row sum where one of the values is missing then the row sum is set to missing na.rm= FALSE.
- If we want to ignore missing values and calculate a sum of the non missing then na.rm= TRUE.
- rowSums, rowMeans, colSums and colMeans are wrappers of sapply, ie. t.ex. colMeans(x) is the same as sapply(x,mean). sapply can be used with many other functions.

Creating new variables: RowSums

```
# NEW VARIABLE SCORE SUMMING PRETERM. LOWBY AND HYP
Births.tab$score <- rowSums(Births.tab[,c(3,5,7)], na.rm = FALSE)
#REMOVE MISSING
Births.tab$scoreRM <- rowSums(Births.tab[,c(3,5,7)], na.rm = TRUE)
head(Births.tab)
  id bweight lowbw gestwks preterm matage hyp sex sexalph score scoreRM
        2974
                   38.52
                              0
                                    34
                                            2 female
  - 1
        3270
                      NΑ
                           NA
                                                male
                                    30
                                                        MΑ
3 3
       2620 0 38.15
                              0
                                   35 0 2 female 0
       3751 0 39.80
                                    31
                                        0 1 male 0
                              0
                0 38.89
                                    33 1
        3200
                              0
                                          1 male
        3673
                0 40.97
                                    33
                                            2 female
                              Ω
```

Exercise

- Import the data cdc.
- Height is in inches, weight and wtdesire are in pounds. Generate new variables in cm and kg (use Google to find conversion factors).
- Make a factor with 4 approximately equally sized groups from the weight variable.
- Sort the data by gender and age.
- Calculate the average of the weight and desired weight for each subject.
- Calculate the mean weight and wtdesire (in kg) for each level of "genhlth"with the by function.

Split Data: Subset

- Sometimes we may need to split our data.
- In the Births data we may need to split the data into boys and girls.
- We can use the subset() function and assign the new data sets to separate R objects.
- Notice == (logical expression). We are not assigning a value to "sex", but asking whether "sex is equal to 1".

```
Births.Male <- subset(Births.tab, sex == 1)
Births.Female <- subset(Births.tab, sex == 2)</pre>
```

Alternatively the bracket operator:

```
Births.Male <- Births.tab[Births.tab$sex == 1,]
Births.Female <- Births.tab[Births.tab$sex == 2,]
```

Subset

- Often data sets come with a lot of variables and we only want to use a few.
- Similarly to the bracket operator [the function subset() can be used to select the variables we want.
- Notice the select option. This is needed to say that we want a subset of columns (on the previous slide it was rows).
- Notice that we do not need quotes in select.

```
# SELECT 3 VARIABLES
Births.new <- subset(Births.tab, select = c(id, bweight, sex))</pre>
```

Aggregating data

- Sometimes we want to make a new dataframe as a summary of the original dataframe on the basis of factor levels.
- Below we want to make a new dataframe with the mean birthweight for combinations of preterm and sex.

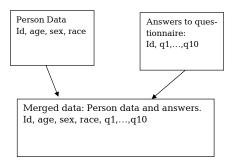
Add rows: rbind()

- Data are collected for subgroups of subjects and saved in separate objects.
- The separate objects are appended (stacked) to create a single object.
- This will give an error message if the number of columns differs.

```
# APPEND
Births.Both <- rbind(Births.Male, Births.Female)</pre>
dim(Births.Both)
 [1] 500 11
dim(Births.Male)
 [1] 264 11
dim(Births.Female)
 [1] 236 11
```

Add variables: merge()

Often you have data in several data sets and want to combine the data sets by merging using one or more variables as *key variables*. Adding variables to a master data set.



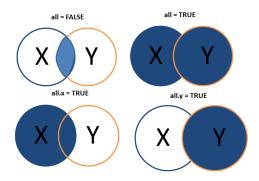
Merge

We have two data sets with a key variable "id". One with background information and one set with blood pressure measurements.

```
bp <- read.delim("bp.txt")</pre>
                                     bp
agesex <- read.delim("agesex.txt")</pre>
agesex
                                         id visit
                                                 bp
                                      1 100
                                                1 180
   id age sex
                                      2 100 2 160
   99
      43
            m
                                      3 100 3 155
2 100 47
                                      4 101 1 160
3 101 NA
                                      5 102 1 120
4 102 67
            m
                                      6 102 2 140
                                      7 103
                                               1 135
```

4 Different Merges

- In the merge function we will look at 4 of the options.
- We have merge(x, y, by = "key variable", all = TRUE, < all = FALSE, all.x = TRUE, all.y = FALSE >).
- Here x and y are data frames



Merging all=FALSE

```
merge_small <- merge(agesex, bp, by = "id", all = FALSE)
merge_small

id age sex visit bp
1 100 47 f 1 180
2 100 47 f 2 160
3 100 47 f 3 155
4 101 NA f 1 160
5 102 67 m 1 120
6 102 67 m 2 140
```

Merging all=TRUE

```
merge_large <- merge(agesex, bp, by = "id", all = TRUE)</pre>
merge_large
   id age sex visit
                     bp
   99
      43
             m
                  NA
                     NA
2 100 47
                   1 180
3 100 47
                2 160
4 100
      47
                   3 155
5 101
                1 160
       NA
6 102
      67
                1 120
7 102
       67
                2 140
8 103
      NA <NA>
                   1 135
```

Merging all.x=TRUE

```
merge_x <- merge(agesex, bp, by = "id", all.x = TRUE)</pre>
merge_x
   id age sex visit bp
   99
       43
                NA NA
            m
 2 100 47
         f
                 1 180
          f 2 160
 3 100 47
          f 3 155
 4 100
      47
 5 101
      NA
          f 1 160
 6 102
      67
                 1 120
 7 102
       67
                 2 140
            m
```

Merging all.y=TRUE

```
merge_y <- merge(agesex, bp, by = "id", all.y = TRUE)</pre>
merge_y
   id age sex visit
 1 100
       47 f
                  1 180
 2 100 47
         f
              2 160
 3 100
      47
              3 155
 4 101
      NA
              1 160
 5 102
      67
              1 120
 6 102
      67
              2 140
 7 103 NA <NA> 1 135
```

Counting the Missing Observations: The is.na() and sum() functions

- Suppose that we want to count the number of missing observations.
- The function is.na returns a logical vector that is TRUE when a value is missing and FALSE otherwise.

```
is.na(merge_y$sex)

[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE

#COUNT MISSING FOR ONE VARIABLE
sum(is.na(merge_y$sex))

[1] 1

#COUNT FOR DATA FRAME
colSums(is.na(merge_y))

id age sex visit bp
0 2 1 0 0
```

Loops in R

- In R, the for loop is used perform a repetitive task for each element in a set.
- Example:
 - Given a set of integers 1:3:
 - Let a variable i run through the set and print i + i:

```
for(i in 1:3) {
  cat(i, "+", i, "=", i+i, "\n")
}
```

Output:

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

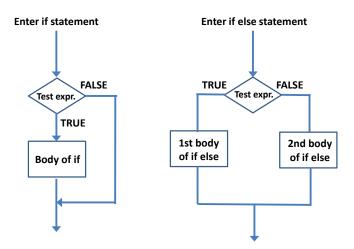
$$2 + 2 = 4$$

$$3 + 3 = 6$$

Flow Control: if and if else Statements

• if statement: for(i in 1:3){ if (i==2) cat("This index is even:","\n") $cat(i, "\n")$ This index is even: 2 • if else statement: for(i in 1:3){ if (i==2) cat("The index is 2","\n") else cat("The index is not 2","\n") } The index is not 2 The index is 2 The index is not 2

Flow Charts for if and if else Statements



while and repeat Loops

The while loop:

while(condition) expression

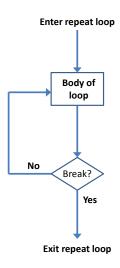
The repeat loop:

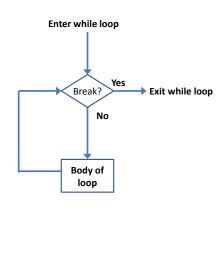
repeat expr

The repeat loop has to be exited manually. Flow controls:

- next: Halts the the current iteration and advances to the next immediately;
- break: Exits the loop.

Flow Charts for the while and repeat loops





while Loop Example

Storing of machine parts

```
k<-0 # number of big parts (>2)
y<-abs(rnorm(1000)) # simulated part size
i<-0 # index of parts
# loop:
while(k<3 & i<1000){
 i < -i + 1
 temp<-y[i]
 k<-k+(temp>2)
[1] 42
```

repeat Loop Example

Selecting persons without blue or yellow eyes

```
eye.colors<-c("brown", "blue", "green", "yellow", "grey")
eyecolor <- data.frame(personId=1:100,color=
                       sample(eye.colors,100,rep=T))
i<-0
list.of.ids<-numeric(0) # patient ID list</pre>
#loop:
repeat {
  i < -i + 1
  if(eyecolor$color[i] == "yellow" |
     eyecolor$color[i] == "blue") next
  list.of.ids<-c(list.of.ids,eyecolor$personId[i])</pre>
  if(i==100 | length(list.of.ids)==20) break
  }
list.of.ids
```

[1] 5 6 7 9 10 11 12 14 15 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 28 29 30

Saving your work

- Saving your script
- Saving your workspace

Always save your script - do it often if you work in Rstudio.

- Reasons for saving your workspace:
 - Extensive data creations will be there next time you open your workspace.
 - Objects created 'on the fly' (not in your script) will be there.
- Reasons for not saving your workspace:
 - With a well-written script, you can recreate your analysis in seconds, unless you work with huge amounts of data.
 - Edited and saved data where editions have been forgotten may cause havoc on your results.
 - Left-over objects created for various purposes may enter your calculations unintentionally due to the structure of **R**'s search path.

Saving your work

How to save your work:

- Script: Click on the script and press 'save' in Rstudio and the plain R GUI.
- Workspace: Click on the command prompt and press 'save'.
 Alternatively, use the save.image() function
- Both: Accept when asked after terminating Rstudio or the plain R GUI.

Exercise

- Data on exercise habits for the subjects in the cdc data set are found in the data cdc exer.csv. Load and describe these data.
- Merge the cdc data set with the cdc_exer data set using id as the key variable. How many subjects in the study did not have exercise information?
- List the identifiers for the subjects without exercise information.
- Make a new dataframe with average age for combinations of gender and general health.

Visualizing Data is Important

- Whenever we want to analyze data the first thing we should do is to have a look at it.
- How are the observations spread out?
- What are the most common values?
- Are there any unusual observations?
- Are there any relationships between variables?

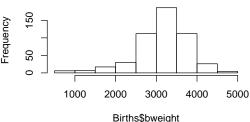
This session will not tell you all about graphics in R but get you going.

A Basic Histogram

- Common way to examine the distribution of a continuous variable.
- The range of the variable is by default divided into equal-width intervals (bins). Plots the number of observations in each bin (unless you specify otherwise)

hist(Births\$bweight)

Histogram of Births\$bweight

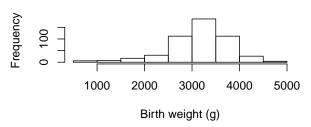


Histogram with a few options

- Note that R automatically has created axis labels and a heading.
- To modify axis labels we set the options xlab and ylab.
- The heading is set in the option main.

```
hist(Births$bweight, xlab = "Birth weight (g)",
     main = "Histogram of birth weight")
```

Histogram of birth weight

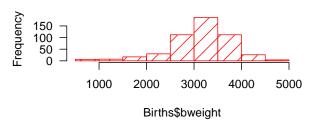


Histogram with more options

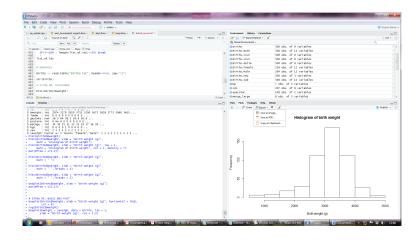
- We could type ?hist to find more options to customize the histogram.
- The available colours are coded as numbers or one can write col = "red"
- If we want shading we can try the density function.
- The angle of the numbers on the axes is set by the option las.

```
hist(Births$bweight, las = 1, main = "Histogram of birth weight",
     col = 2, density = 7)
```

Histogram of birth weight



How to get your plot from RStudio



Writing to a graphics device

```
pdf("my.histogram.pdf")
hist(Births$bweight,las = 1, main = "Histogram of birth weight",
     col = 2, density = 7)
dev.off()
svg("my.histogram.svg")
hist(Births$bweight, las = 1, main = "Histogram of birth weight",
     col = 2, density = 7)
dev.off()
png("my.histogram.png")
hist(Births$bweight,las = 1, main = "Histogram of birth weight",
     col = 2, density = 7)
dev.off()
```

• Options can be specified; see the help files.

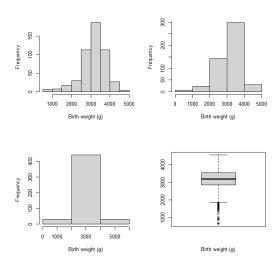
Exercise

- Load the cdc data set.
- Make a histogram of the weight in kg.
- Add your own title and x-axis label.
- Try different colours and shadings.
- Copy your favorite histogram into a document in e.g. Word.

A Basic Box Plot

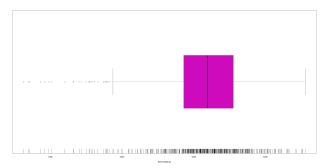
- Box plots show some distributional properties very clearly.
- Box plots show a measure of the location (the median line).
- The spread of the distribution (the length of the box and whiskers).
- Skewness as asymmetry in the upper and lower parts of the box and whisker length.
- We use the function boxplot(variable). Adding labels to the axes and colours is done as for hist.

Histograms and a Box Plot



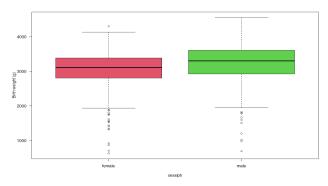
A Basic Box Plot

- When describing data we can even add the observations to the plot.
- Notice the function rug shows the observations.



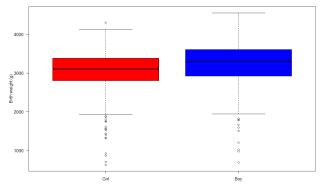
Box Plot for Groups

A useful feature is that we can make box plots for different groups next to each other for comparison. Notice the option data = Births.



Box Plot for Groups

Set our own axis. Notice xaxt = "n".



Exercise

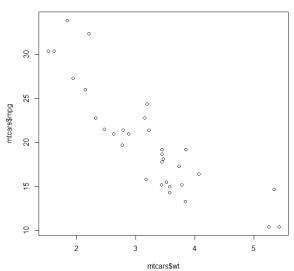
- Load the cdc data set.
- Make a box plot of the weight in kg showing individual observations. Add your own titles and colours.
- Make a box plot for each level of "genhlth", where each box is a different colour. How were the plots sorted?
- Make a new variable genhlth.num with 5 levels where 1 is "poor", 2 is "fair", 3 is "good", 4 is "very good"and 5 is "excellent".
- Make a new box plot for each level of genhlth.num with labels on the x-axis.
- Does this box plot show any pattern?

The Basic Scatter Plot

- The scatter plot is the standard graph for examining the relationship between two continuous variables.
- The plot(x,y) function is used to create scatter plots. Where (x,y) are the points we want to plot.
- We will look at the relationship between car weight (lbs/1000) and miles per gallon for 32 cars.

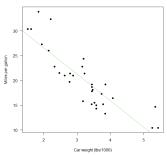
```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg)
```

The Basic Scatter Plot



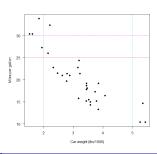
The Scatter Plot

- We can customize the scatter plot similar to before.
- The function abline adds a straight line to the plot.
- When we write $abline(lm(mpg \sim wt))$ we get the best fitting line.



abline

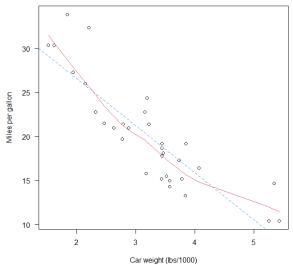
- The function abline can also add reference lines to a plot.
- A horizontal line, e.g. at 25 and 30 abline(h = c(25, 30))
- A vertical line, e.g. at 2 and 5 abline(v = c(2, 5))



Add a smoothed line

Perhaps we do not think the association is linear and try a nonparametric smoothed line.

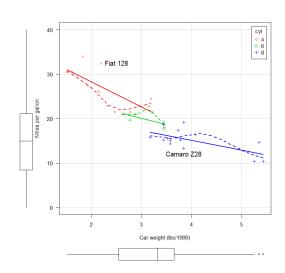
```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, xlab = "Car weight (lbs/1000)",
      ylab = "Miles per gallon", las = 1)
abline(lm(mtcars$mpg ~ mtcars$wt), lty = 2, col = 4)
lines(lowess(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg), lty = 1, col = 2)
```



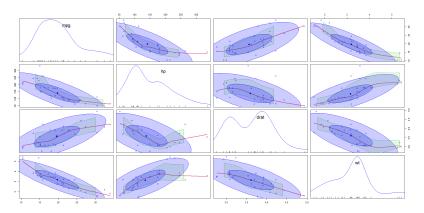
Enhanced graph procedures: Scatter plot example from the "car"package

- Here we want to plot miles per gallon versus weight for cars that have 4, 6 or 8 cylinders.
 We write this as mpg ~ wt | cyl.
- By default we get different colours for groups and both a linear and a smoothed line.
- A legend is included in the top right corner of the plot.
- The option id = list(method="identify") means that points can be identified by mouse clicks.
- Box plots of miles per gallon and weight included ("xy"option for both axes).
- More possibilities ?scatterplot.

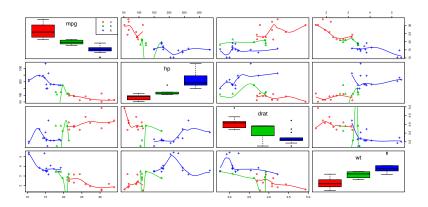
The resulting scatter plot



A scatter plot matrix from the "car" package



A scatter plot matrix with boxplots



- Load the cdc data set.
- Make a basic scatter plot of weight and desired weight with "nice" axes and labels.
- Add a smoothed lined to the plot.
- Make a scatter plot of weight and desired weight for each level of "genhlth" in separate plots, with straight and smoothed lines.
- Install the package "car".
- Make a scatter plot of weight and desired weight for each level of "genhlth" in one plot.

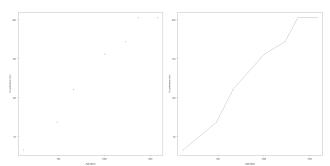
Exercise

- Load the Protein data set.
- Make a scatter plot matrix of "RedMeat", "WhiteMeat", "Eggs", "Milk" and "Fish". Can you see any patterns in the protein intake?
- Also make a scatter plot matrix with box plots in the diagonal.

A Line Plot

Connecting points in a scatter plot from left to right. Here the growth of a tree. Notice the option type = "b" meaning points joined by lines.

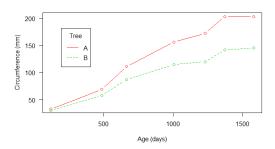
```
par(mfrow=c(1,2)),
plot(TreeA$age, TreeA$circumference, xlab = "Age (days)",
      ylab = "Circumference (mm)", las = 1)
plot(TreeA$age, TreeA$circumference, type = "b", xlab = "Age (days)",
      ylab = "Circumference (mm)", las = 1)
```



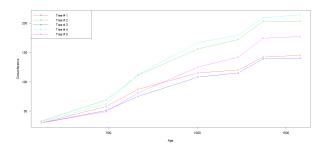
Difference between plot() and lines() functions

- We have seen both the plot and the lines functions.
- The plot function creates a new graph. It is a high-level plotting function.
- The lines function adds information to an existing graph but it cannot produce it's own graph. It is a low-level plotting function.
- A high-level plotting function can (often) be converted to a low-level plotting function with the option ADD=TRUE.
- Usually lines will be used after a high-level plotting function (such as plot) has produced a graph.

A line plot and a legend

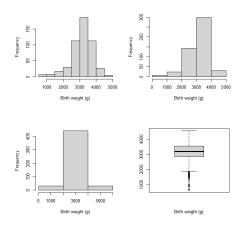


Plot of growth of 5 trees



Layout of several plots on one graph

Several plots on one graph:



Use the option par(mfrow = c(2, 2)), and back to one plot par(mfrow = c(1, 1))

Layout of several plots on one graph

The layout() function:

 indicate in matrix form which part of the plot area that you wish to belong to which graph

```
> layout.matrix<-matrix(c(1:3,rep(4,3)),nrow=2,ncol=3,byrow=T)</pre>
> layout.matrix
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 2 3
```

 $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \end{bmatrix}$ 4 4 4

Layout of several plots on one graph

>layout(layout.matrix)

