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R Programming: Introduction to R

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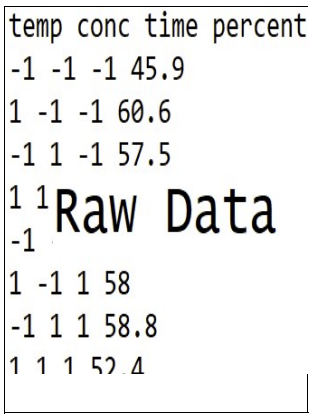

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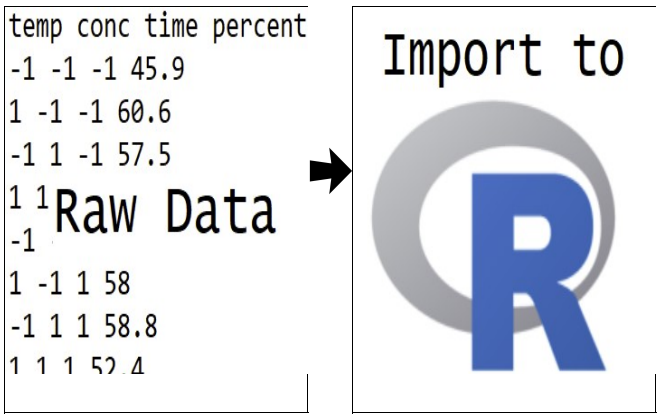

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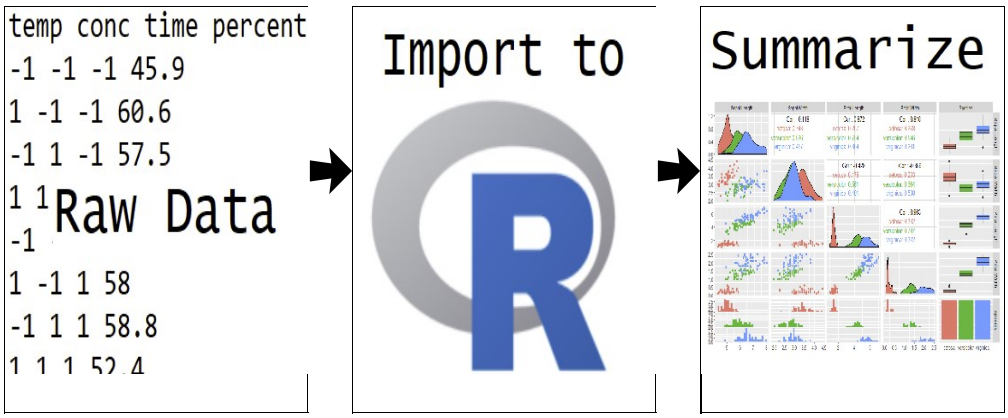

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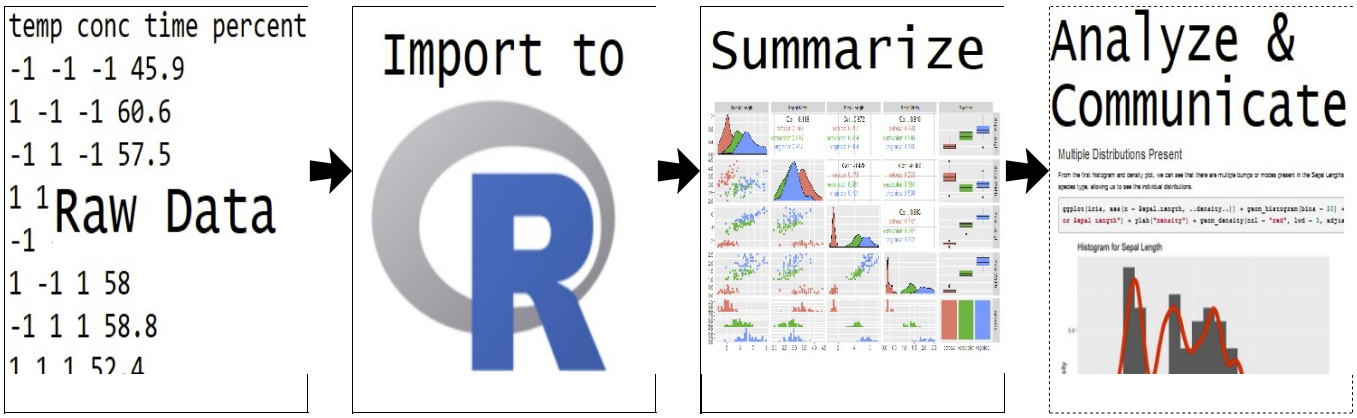

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- **read and write basic R programs**
- import well formatted data into R
- do basic data manipulation in R
- produce common numerical and graphical summaries in R
- describe a use case of an analysis done in R

Where do we start?

- Install R/RStudio
  - Module 0!
- RStudio IDE (Integrated Development Environment)
- R Objects and Classes
- Data Objects & Basic Manipulation

RStudio IDE

In RStudio, four main ‘areas’

- Console (& Terminal)
- Scripting and Viewing Window
- Plots/Help (& Files/Packages)
- Environment (& Connections/Git)

Console

- Type code directly into the **console** for evaluation

```
#simple math operations
# <-- is a comment - code not evaluated
3 + 7
```

```
## [1] 10
```

```
10 * exp(3) #exp is exponential function
```

```
## [1] 200.8554
```

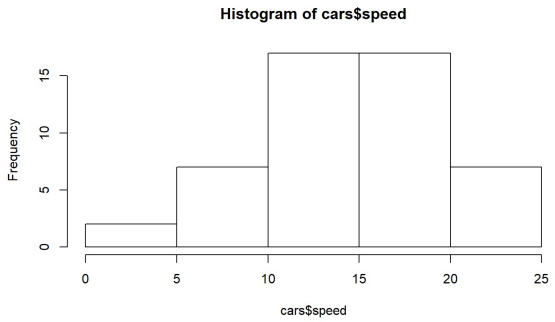
```
log(pi^2) #log is natural log by default
```

```
## [1] 2.28946
```

```
mean(cars$speed)
```

```
## [1] 15.4
```

```
hist(cars$speed)
```



Scripting and Viewing Window

- Usually want to keep code for later use!
- Write code in a ‘script’ and save script (or use markdown - covered later)
- From script can send code to console via:
  - “Run” button (runs current line)
  - CTRL+Enter (PC) or Command+Enter (MAC)
  - Highlight section and do above

Scripting and Viewing Window

- Go to file –> New File –> R Script
- Type `View(cars)` (note capital `V`)
- Type `plot(cars)`
- Submit to console using button or hot key

Plots/Help

- Created plots stored in `Plots` tab
    - Cycle through past plots
    - Easily save
- `Help` tab to learn about R functions
- Type `help(hist)` in the console

Environment

- Store **data/info/function/etc.** in R objects
- Create an R object via <– (recommended) or =

```
#save for later
avg <- (5 + 7 + 6) / 3
#call avg object
avg
```

```
## [1] 6
```

```
#strings (text) can be saved as well
words <- c("Hello there!", "How are you?")
words
```

```
## [1] "Hello there!" "How are you?"
```

Environment

- Look at all current objects with `ls()`

```
ls()
```

```
## [1] "avg"   "words"
```

- `rm()` to remove

```
rm(avg)
ls()
```

```
## [1] "words"
```

Environment

- Built-in objects exist like `letters` and `cars`

```
letters
```

```
##  [1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j" "k" "l" "m" "n" "o" "p" "q" "r" "s"
## [20] "t" "u" "v" "w" "x" "y" "z"
```

```
head(cars, n = 3)
```

```
##   speed dist
## 1     4    2
## 2     4   10
## 3     7    4
```

- `data()` shows available built-in datasets

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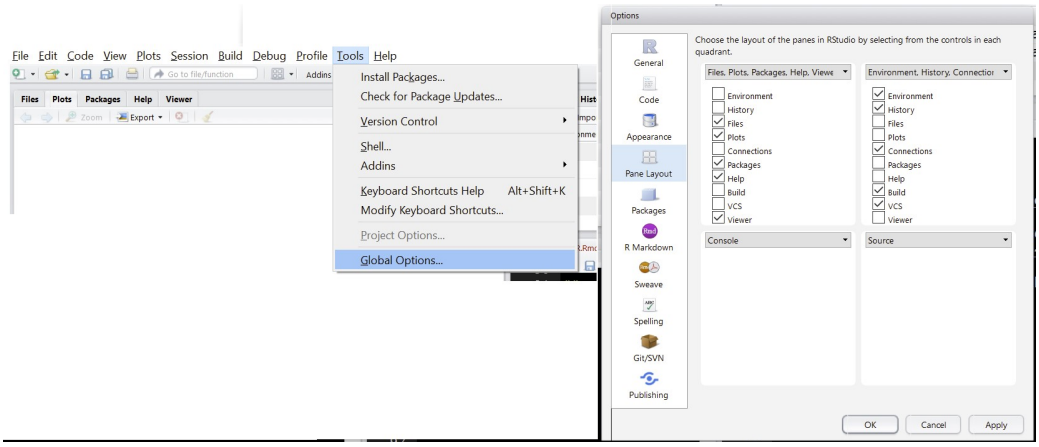
To rearrange panes



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Other useful global options:

- Appearance
    - font size
    - theme
- Code
    - editing –> soft-wrap
    - display –> show whitespace

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```
class(cars)
```

```
## [1] "data.frame"
```

```
class(exp)
```

```
## [1] "function"
```

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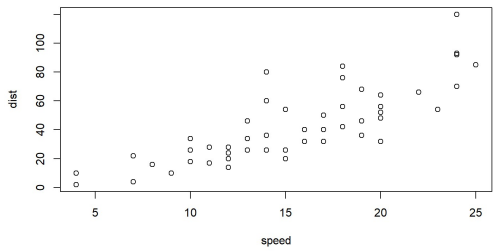
`plot(cars)`



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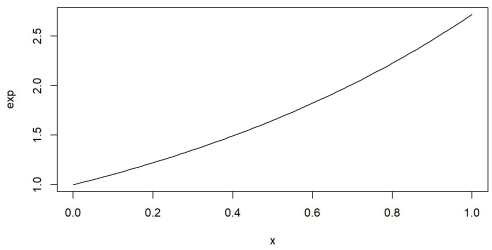

R Objects and Classes

- Create an R object via <– (recommended) or =
    - allocates memory to object
    - object attributes usually depend on how you created it!

```
vec <- c(1, 4, 10)
class(vec)
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
fit <- lm(dist ~ speed, data = cars)
class(fit)
```

```
## [1] "lm"
```

Investigating Objects

Many functions to help understand an R Object

- `class()`
- describes the `class` attribute of an R object

```
class(cars)
```

```
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```

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- `typeof()`
- determines the (R internal) type or storage mode of any object

```
typeof(cars)
```

```
## [1] "list"
```

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- `str()`
- compactly displays the internal structure of an R object

```
str(cars)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    50 obs. of  2 variables:
##  $ speed: num  4 4 7 7 8 9 10 10 10 11 ...
##  $ dist : num  2 10 4 22 16 10 18 26 34 17 ...
```

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Common data structures

1. Atomic Vector (1d)
2. Matrix (2d)
3. Array (nd) (not covered)
4. Data Frame (2d)
5. List (1d)