R: From nil to 50 in 50 min

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The pros of using R!

- It is 100% FREE
- Huge community of users, which means lots of help and support.
- Available on virtually all platforms: OS X, Unix/ Linux, and Windows XP, Vista, and 7!
- Documentation is available in many languages
- Publication quality graphics with default options

The pros of using R! cont.

- R library database has virtually every type of statistical analysis that has ever been conceived. The most cutting edge biostatistical ideas are always implemented in R first.
- R is very flexible. All models and graphics can be completely customized and modified for the analysis you're working on.

The cons of R ...

- Data manipulation is poor for editing
- Steep learning curve
- The programming is largely done by statisticians not computer scientists ... so can be slow during computationally intensive tasks

Get R: Its free!

- Use web browser to access
 - http://cran.us.r-project.org/
- Download "base" package



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Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, Windows and Mac users most likely want one of these versions of R:

- · Download R for Linux
- · Download R for (Mac) OS X
- · Download R for Windows

R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

Source Code for all Platforms

Windows and Mac users most likely want to download the precompiled binaries listed in the upper box, not the source code. The sources have to be compiled before you can use them. If you do not know what this means, you probably do not want to do it!

- The latest release (2014-03-06, Warm Puppy) R-3.0.3.tar.gz, read what's new in the latest version.
- Sources of R alpha and beta releases (daily snapshots, created only in time periods before a planned release).
- Daily snapshots of current patched and development versions are <u>available here</u>. Please read about <u>new features and bug fixes</u> before filing corresponding feature requests or bug reports.
- Source code of older versions of R is available here.
- Contributed extension packages

Ouestions About R

• If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our <u>answers to frequently asked questions</u> before you send an email.



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R for Windows

Subdirectories:

Binaries for base distribution (managed by Duncan Murdoch). base This is what you want to install R for the first time. Binaries of contributed packages (managed by Uwe Ligges). There is also information on third party software available for Mirrors contrib CRAN Windows services and corresponding environment and What's new? Task Views make variables. Tools to build R and R packages (managed by Duncan Murdoch). This is what you want to build your own packages on Rtools About R Windows, or to build R itself.

Please do not submit binaries to CRAN. Package developers might want to contact Duncan Murdoch or Uwe Ligges directly in case of questions / suggestions related to Windows binaries.

You may also want to read the R FAQ and R for Windows FAQ.

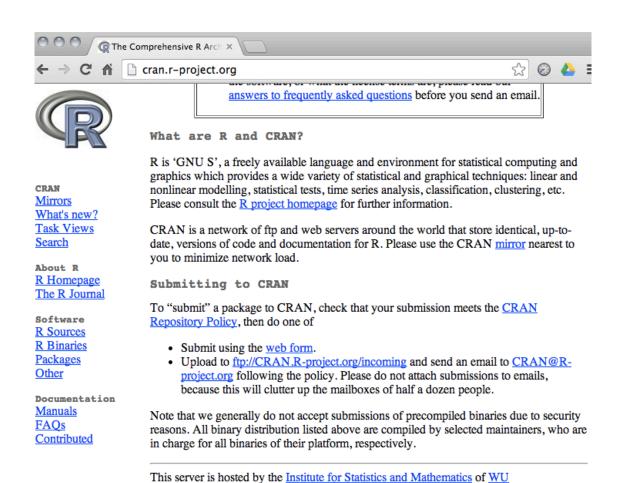
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What is R??



(Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien).

R History

R is a comprehensive statistical and graphical programming language and is a dialect of the S language:

1988 - S2: RA Becker, JM Chambers, A Wilks

1992 - S3: JM Chambers, TJ Hastie

1998 - S4: JM Chambers

R: initially written by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman at Dep. of Statistics of U of Auckland, New Zealand during 1990s.

Since 1997: international "R-core" team of 15 people with access to common CVS archive.

Open R!



R version 3.0.1 (2013-05-16) -- "Good Sport"
Copyright (C) 2013 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin10.8.0 (64-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY. You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions. Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.

Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or 'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.

Type 'q()' to quit R.

[R.app GUI 1.61 (6492) x86_64-apple-darwin10.8.0]

[Workspace restored from /Users/Kim/.RData]
[History restored from /Users/Kim/.Rapp.history]

R overview

- You can enter commands one at a time at the command prompt (>) or run a set of commands from a source file.
- To quit R, use

```
>q()
```

R syntax

 This table shows the most common operators.

+, -, *, /, ^	Arithmetic
!=, &, , ==, >, >=, <, <=	Logical
•	Sequence

Basic command line operations

• Simple arithmetic:

```
> 5+3
[1] 8
> ((2 + 4)^2)/3
[1] 12
```

More advanced functions

```
> sqrt(2)
[1] 1.414214
> log(2.74)
[1] 1.007958
```

Creating list of consecutive numbers (1-15)

1:15

Find the sine of π

Hint: use "sin" and "pi"

builtins() lists all the functions in R

Data in

- R allows users to create variables, which are essentially named computer memory.
- For example, you may store the number of species in a sample in a variable.
- Variables are identified by a name assigned when they are created.

Variable assignment

- To assign a value to a variable enter the variable name to the left of a left-pointing arrow
- Typed with the "less than" followed by a "dash" with the value behind the arrow. For example: speciesA <- 137
- Recent versions of R allow you to use the = sign for an assignment, i.e. speciesB = 137

Notes about variable assignment

No default output for assignment

```
> coffee.mon<-3
> coffee.tues=4
>
> coffee.mon
[1] 3
>
```

Variable names are case-sensitive

```
> coffee.Mon
Error: object 'coffee.Mon' not found
>
```

More than just integers!

 R also allows the creation of variables that contain floating point or real numbers, characters, or special characters interpreted as "logical" values. For example

```
x <- 1.2345
small.value <- 1.0e-10
species.name <- 'Pinus contorta'
conifer <- TRUE
```

Sets of variables: Data structures are sets of variables organized in a particular way

- 1. Vectors
- 2. Matrices
- 3. Dataframes (most like an excel spreadsheet)
- 4. Lists

Vectors

Vectors are one-dimensional ordered sets composed of a single data type. Data types include integers, real numbers, and strings (character variables)

Vectors are often read in as data or produced as the result of analysis, but you can produce one simply using the **c()** function, which stands for "combine." For example

```
> coffeeweek<-c(3,2,5,8,6,4,1)
> week<-c("m","t","w","th","f","s","sn")
> week
[1] "m" "t" "w" "th" "f" "s" "sn"
> coffeeweek
[1] 3 2 5 8 6 4 1
```

Create a vector of the number of coffees you had on each day of last week, and a vector of the names of the week

Create a graph of your coffee consumption as:

barplot(coffeeweek, names=week)

Matrices

- Matrices are multidimensional ordered sets composed of a single data type, equivalent to the concept of matrix in linear algebra.
- A matrix can be constructed by using both the matrix() function and the c() function

[7,]

1 2

Create a matrix of the number of coffees you had on each day of last week, and the number of servings of your fave beverage

Hint: you will need to use the matrix and c functions

Referencing individual items in a vector or matrix

- Individual items can be identified by subscript (numbered 1 n), which is indicated by a number (or numeric variable) within square brackets.
- For example, if the number of plant species per plot is stored in a vector **veg**, then **veg[37]** equals the number of species at position 37.
- Matrices are specified in the order "row, column", so that veg[23,48] equals row 23, column 48 in matrix veg.

Referencing whole rows or columns in a matrix

- Individual rows or columns within a matrix can be referred to by implied subscript, where the value of the desired row or column is specified, but other values are omitted.
- For example, veg[,3] represents the third column of matrix veg, as the row number before the comma was omitted. Similarly, veg [5,] represents row 5, as the column after the comma was omitted.

So we can reference each column in our beverage matrix independently as

plot(beverage[,1], beverage[,2])

Referencing groups of items in a vector or matrix

In addition, a number of specialized subscripts can be used:

```
veg[1:10] = veg[1] through veg[10]
```

veg[-3] = all of vector veg except veg[3]

veg[a:b,c:d] = a submatrix of veg from row a to b

and column c to d

It's even possible to specify specific subsets of rows and columns that are not adjacent, veg[c(1,7,10),c (3,6,12)] = a submatrix consisting # of rows 1,7 and 10, and columns # 3, 6, as 12 from matrix veg.

How would I produce a plot that excluded a questionable point?

Hint: involves a – sign

Surprise! We've been using functions

- Many things, if not most things, are accomplished in R by using such function calls.
- A function is a set of commands that R will execute every time you type the function name.
- The format is that of a function name followed by parentheses containing one or more arguments.
- For example, if you type plot(richness, cover) in the command window where height and richness are vectors of the same length, R interprets plot as a function (since it recognizes the name), and richness and cover as the particular arguments you want to use in this instance of a function call.

Functions to manipulate data

- A large number of functions exist for manipulating vectors, and by extension, matrices. For example, if veg is a vegetation matrix of 100 sample plots and 200 species (plots as rows and species as columns), we can perform the following:
- x <- max(veg[,3]) assigns the maximum value of column 3 among all rows to the variable x
- y <- sum(veg[,5]) assigns the sum of column 5 in all rows to y
- logveg <- log(veg+1) creates a new matrix called "logveg" with all values the log of the respective values in veg (+1 to avoid log(0) which is undefined)

Using conditions to manipulate data

 In addition, R supports logical subscripts, where the subscript is applied whenever the logical function is true. Logical operators include:

```
> for "greater than" >= for "greater than or equal to"
< for "less than" <= for "less than or equal to"
== for "equal to" != for "not equal to"
& for "and" | for "or"</pre>
```

 For example q <- sum(veg[,8]>10) assigns q the number of plots where the value of column 8 is greater than 10 (i.e., veg[,8]>0 is evaluated as 1 (true) or 0 (false) for each item, so that the sum is of 0's and 1's and gives us the number of items that satisfy the condition).

Let's convert our beverage count data to volume consumed

Coffee=250 ml

Tea=200 ml

Working with vectors

 To convert vectors, just multiply their assigned names by a constant. Lets save these results to new variables:

```
volcoffee<-beverage[,1]*250
voltea<-beverage[,2]*200</pre>
```

We can now create a daily vector of fluid intake:

```
fluids<-volcoffee+voltea
```

Or even calculate total fluids per week or mean fluids per day

```
weekfluids<-sum(fluids)
Mfluids<-mean(fluids)</pre>
```

• When you are operating with vectors like this, the vectors must be of equal length!

Statistical questions

 Is my coffee and tea consumption statistically different?

Getting help from R

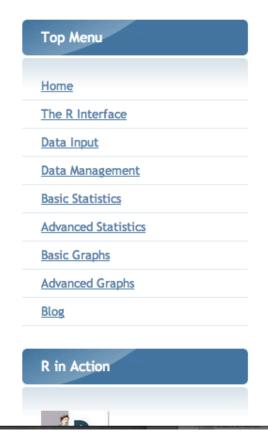
 Once R is installed, there is a comprehensive built-in help system. At the program's command prompt you can use any of the following:

Sadly....

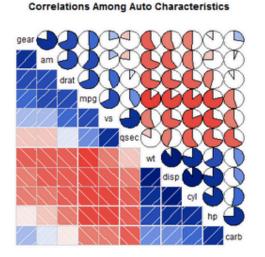
```
> apropos("t-test")
character(0)
```

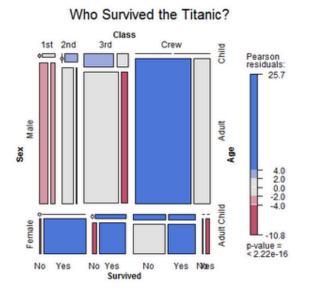
```
> apropos("t.test")
[1] "bartlett.test" "pairwise.t.test"
    "power.t.test" "t.test"
```





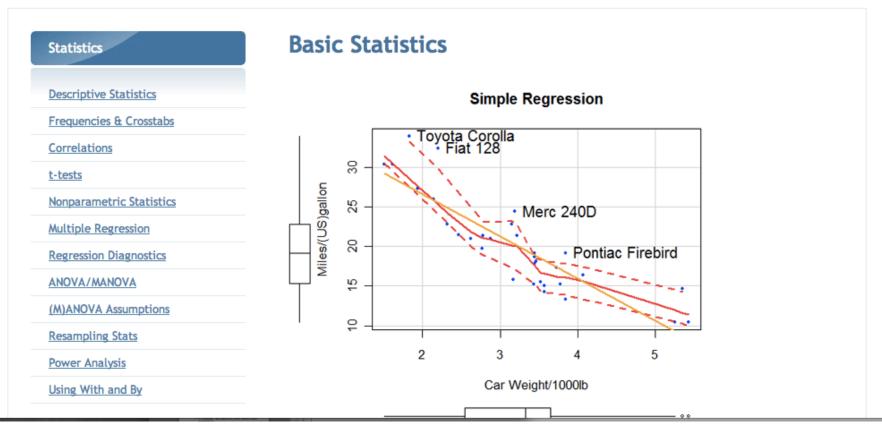
About Quick-R





R is an elegant and comprehensive statistical and graphical programming language. Unfortunately, it can also have a <u>steep learning curve</u>. I created this website for both current R users, and experienced users of other statistical packages (e.g., SAS, SPSS, Stata) who would like to transition to R. My goal is to help vou quickly access this language in your work.





t.test()

- The t.test() function produces a variety of t-tests.
 Unlike most statistical packages, the default assumes unequal variance and applies the Welsh df modification.# independent 2-group t-test t.test(y~x) # where y is numeric and x is a binary factor
- # independent 2-group t-test
 t.test(y1,y2) # where y1 and y2 are numeric
- # paired t-test
 t.test(y1,y2,paired=TRUE) # where y1 & y2 are numeric
- # one sample t-test t.test(y,mu=3) # Ho: mu=3

R help page: ?t.test

Student's t-Test

Description

Performs one and two sam

Usage

```
t.test(x, ...)
```

Function t.test can takes all these arguments

Arguments

a (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.

y an optional (non-empty) numeric vector of data values.

alternative a character string specifying the alternative hypothesis, must be one of "two.sided" (default), "greater" or

"less". You can specify just the initial letter.

mu a number indicating the true value of the mean (or difference in means if you are performing a two sample

test).

paired a logical indicating whether you want a paired t-test.

var.equal a logical variable indicating whether to treat the two variances as being equal. If TRUE then the pooled variance

is used to estimate the variance otherwise the Welch (or Satterthwaite) approximation to the degrees of

freedom is used.

conf.level confidence level of the interval.

formula of the form 1hs ~ rhs where 1hs is a numeric variable giving the data values and rhs a factor with

two levels giving the corresponding groups.

data an optional matrix or data frame (or similar: see model.frame) containing the variables in the formula

formula. By default the variables are taken from environment (formula).

subset an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used.

na act i on a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain was. Defaults to

Default assumes unequal variance between groups

Default assumes twosided test

Significantly different?

> t.test(volcoffee,voltea)

Welch Two Sample t-test

data: volcoffee and voltea

t = 0.0214, df = 11.939, p-value = 0.9833

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:

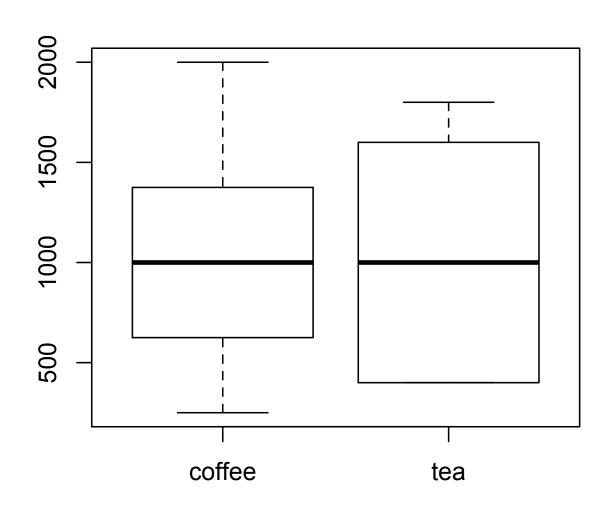
-721.5768 735.8625

sample estimates:

mean of x mean of y

1035.714 1028.571

>boxplot(volcoffee, voltea, names=c("coffee", "tea"))



Is there a significant correlation between your coffee and tea drinking?

Hint: Use the cor.test() function

Correlation?

>cor.test(volcoffee,voltea)

Pearson's product-moment correlation

```
data: volcoffee and voltea
t = 0.3807, df = 5, p-value = 0.719
alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-0.6698773  0.8175696
sample estimates:
    cor
0.1678578
```

Importing data

- One major use of R is to analyze previously collected data. Most often, you will import your data from another program like Excel.
- If you save your datafile as .csv formt, it is particularly easy to import into R as a dataframe.

Dataframes

- Dataframes are one to multi-dimensional sets, and can be composed of different data types (although all data in a single column must be of the same type).
- In addition, each column and row in a data frame may be given a label or name to identify it.
- Data frames are equivalent to a flat file database, and similar to spreadsheets.

Ways to import

- Use the OS to find the file datafilename <- file.choose()
- Specify the name and address of the local file
 e.g., datafilename <- "Desktop/epi.big5.txt"

The read the file into memory person.data <- read.table(datafilename, header=TRUE) #read the data file

Alternatively, to read in a comma delimited file:
 person.data <- read.table(datafilename,header=TRUE,sep=",")
 person.data <- read.csv(datafilename,header=TRUE)

Three ways to find and open a .csv file in R

- 1 Enter the command mydata = read.csv(file.choose()) in the Console window. This command opens a directory window and allows you to choose the file you wish to open.
- If you know the location of your file, you could enter mydata
 =read.csv("C:/Users/yourusername/Downloads/
 hogweed.csv")
- You could also simply change the directory that R is looking at. The command **getwd()** allows you to see which directory R is currently focusing on, and the command **setwd("C:/Users/yourusername/Downloads/")** or similar should change the directory to the right location. Then you could enter **mydata** = **read.csv("hogweed.csv")**, since R would already be focusing on the correct directory.

Download the hogweed.csv file from ecotheory.uwaterloo.ca/Rintro.htm

Import the datafile into R

Data checking

- Once you have successfully read your data file into R, take a look at it!
- Simply type mydata to see if the data file was read in properly.
- Some datasets will be too large for this approach to be useful (the top of the data will scroll right off the page). In that case, there are a number of commands to look at a portion of the dataset.

Three ways to examine the dataset you read in.

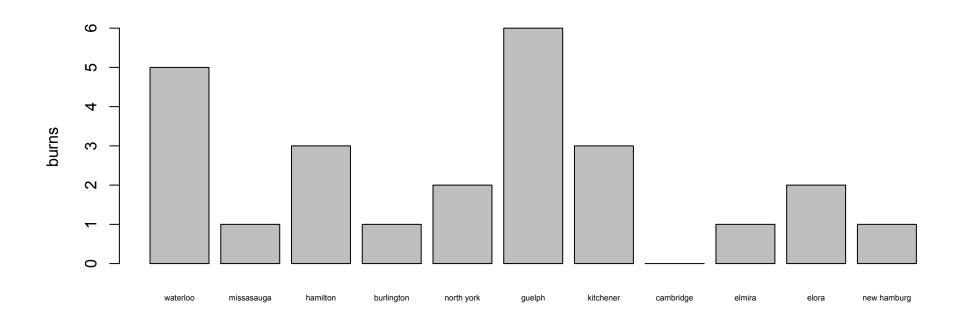
- You could use a command like names (mydata), but this has one obvious shortcoming, what is it?
- Instead, try typing head(mydata). What does this show you?
- How about tail(mydata)?
- Now for the big one, type str(mydata).

Three ways to reference a column in a dataframe

- The data file contains a bunch of different kinds of information (location, density of plants, number of reported burns)
- We can access each part of this data independently, by calling the specific component of the data frame (our data is frame data rather than matrix data since it contains both text and numbers).
- The command mydata[,"reported.burns"] will give only the burns column of the mydata set, but so would mydata[, 3], since burns is the third column in our dataset. Finally the command mydata \$reported.burns will also access the burns column

Do a preliminary plot

 barplot(hogdata\$burns, names=hogdata\$area, cex.names=.5, ylab="burns")



Scripts

- We could just keep entering commands line by line in the command window, but often you will want to repeat analyses, or keep a permanent record.
- Let's create a **Script**. A script is a nothing more than a record of a set of commands that you would like R to complete.
- File-> New Document

Summary stats

- The summary() command calculates summary statistics for our data, such as the mean and median.
- For the text-based components, R just tells us how many times each of the different text words appear. For the numeric data, R reports the max, min, mean and median.
- If you don't want to summarize everything, you can calculate the mean and standard deviation of particular variables using the **mean(yourvariable)** and sd(yourvariable) commands.

Start your script

Add the commands to calculate summary data

Running scripts

- run your script by either selecting the all the script text (Cntr+A or Cmd+A) or part of it (use the mouse) and sending it to the console window (Cntrl+R or Cmd+return)
- or by setting the working directory appropriately and typing source ("myscript.r")

ANOVA

 if x is categorical data lm(y~x) performs a oneway ANOVA, and the ANOVA table can be seen by typing anova(linearmodeloutput)

Can also use aov(y~x)

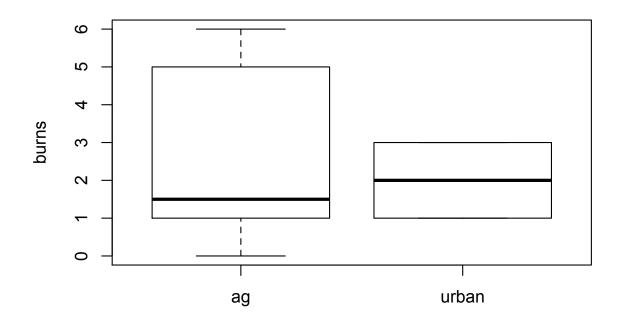
ANOVA (one-way)

 Does the incidence of hogweed burns differ between agricultural and urban areas?

```
anova(lm(burns~land.use,
   data=hogdata))
boxplot(burns~land.use,
   data=hogdata, ylab="burns")
```

Add the anova commands to your script and implement them

Is there a significant effect of land use on hogweed burns?



> anova(lm(burns~land.use, data=hogdata))
Analysis of Variance Table

Response: burns

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)

land.use 1 0.682 0.6818 0.1832 0.6787

Residuals 9 33.500 3.7222

Regression

- Regression in R is completed using the linear model lm() command. The basic syntax for a regression analysis in R is: Im(Y~model) where Y is the object containing the numeric dependent variable to be predicted and model is the formula for the chosen statistical fit and contains the numeric independent variable.
- For example, if x and Y are numeric data, the statement lm(Y~x) is shorthand for a request to R to fit the statistical model Y= mx + b + e to the data, where the best fit line is estimated using least-squares regression.
- The results of the regression can be seen by typing summary(myregressionoutput).

Regression

 Does hogweed density predict the number of hogweed burns?

```
lreg.burns<-lm(burns~density,
  data=hogdata)
summary(lreg.burns)</pre>
```

> summary(lreg.burns)

Call:

Im(formula = burns ~ density, data = hogdata)

Residuals:

Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -1.1543 -0.6378 -0.3692 0.2175 2.6968

Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.4022 0.6095 0.66 0.52582
density 0.5372 0.1406 3.82 0.00409 **

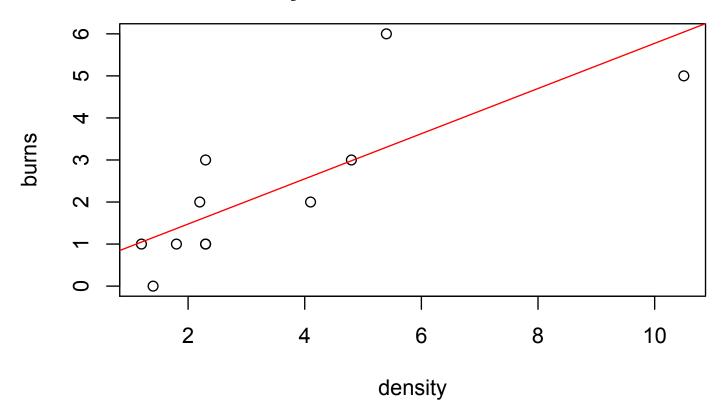
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.204 on 9 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.6185, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5761

F-statistic: 14.59 on 1 and 9 DF, p-value: 0.00409

plot(burns~density, data=hogdata)
abline(lreg.burns, col="red")
title("Reported hogweed burns for a given plant
\n density: observed and best fit line")

Reported hogweed burns for a given plant density: oberved and best fit line



Lists

- Lists are compound objects of associated data.
- Like data frames, they need not contain only a single data type, but can include strings (character variables), numeric variables, and even such things as matrices and data frames.
- In contrast to data frames, list items do not have a row-column structure, and items need not be the same length; some can be a single value, and others a matrix.

ANOVA (two-way)

 Does land use and the pattern of distribution predict hogweed burns?

ANOVA WARNING:

- R provides Type I sequential SS, not the default Type III marginal SS reported by SAS and SPSS.
- In a nonorthogonal design with more than one term on the right hand side of the equation order will matter (i.e., A+B and B+A will produce different results)!
- We will need use the drop1() function to produce the familiar Type III results. It will compare each term with the full model.

ANOVA (two-way)

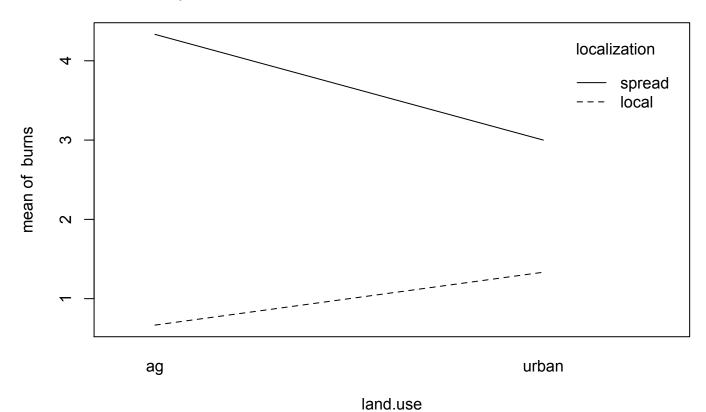
```
an2.burns<-lm
  (burns~land.use*localization,
  data=hogdata)
#Type I SS
anova(an2.burns)
#Type III SS
drop1(an2.burns,~.,test="F")</pre>
```

```
> #Type I SS
> anova(an2.burns)
Analysis of Variance Table
Response: burns
           Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
land.use 1 0.6818 0.6818 0.4773 0.511911
localization 1 20.8333 20.8333 14.5833 0.006552 **
land.use:localization 1 2.6667 2.6667 1.8667 0.214125
Residuals 7 10.0000 1.4286
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
> #Type III SS
> drop1(an2.burns,~.,test="F")
Single term deletions
Model:
burns ~ land.use * localization
           Df Sum of Sq RSS AIC F value Pr(>F)
                     10.000 6.9516
<none>
land.use 1 0.6667 10.667 5.6615 0.4667 0.516490
localization 1 20.1667 30.167 17.0973 14.1167 0.007101 **
land.use:localization 1 2.6667 12.667 7.5519 1.8667 0.214125
```

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Interaction plot

- attach(hogdata)
- interaction.plot(land.use, localization, burns)



Post-hoc comparison of means

TukeyHSD(aov(an2.burns))

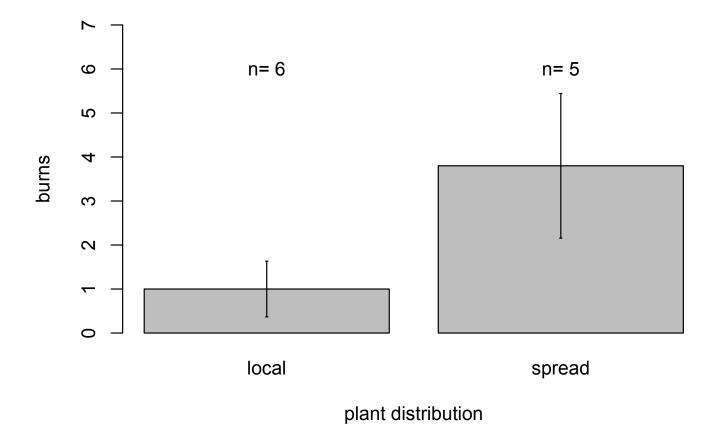
```
Tukey multiple comparisons of means 95% family-wise confidence level
```

Fit: aov(formula = an2.burns)

```
$localization
diff lwr upr p adj
spread-local 2.75 1.038611 4.461389 0.0067177
```

Barplot with error bars

```
mean.burns<-tapply(hogdata$burns, list
 (hoadata$localization), mean)
sd.burns<-tapply(hogdata$burns, list</pre>
 (hoadata$localization), sd)
n.burns<-tapply(hogdata$burns, list</pre>
 (hogdata$localization), length)
mids<-barplot(mean.burns, xlab="plant</pre>
 distribution", ylab="burns", ylim=c(0,
arrows(mids, mean.burns-sd.burns, mids,
 mean.burns+sd.burns, code=3, angle=90,
 length=0.01)
text(mids, 6, paste("n=", n.burns))
```



Pub quality figures

- Default plot will save as .pdf
- output graph to jpeg file jpeg("c:/mygraphs/myplot.jpg") plot(x) dev.off()

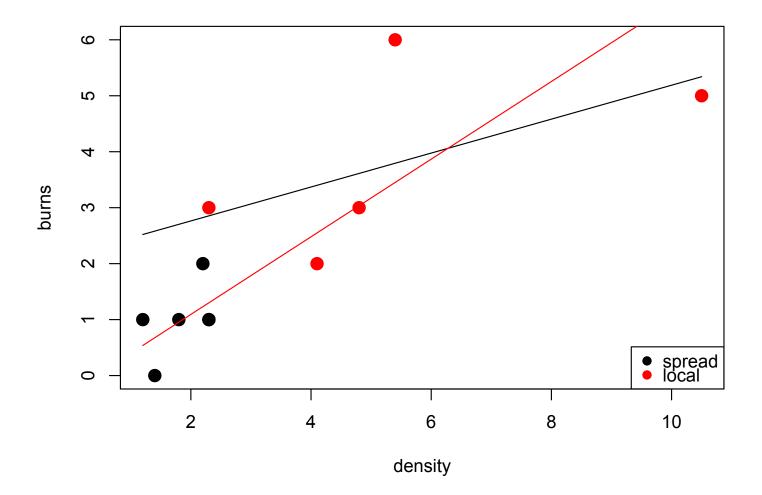
ANCOVA

• Is there a different relationship between hogweed density and hogweed burns for areas with concentrated occurrence vs. areas with widespread occurrence (i.e. different slopes of the linear relationship)?

```
anc.burns<-lm
  (burns~density*localization,
  data=hogdata)
anova(anc.burns)</pre>
```

Plot data and regression lines

```
plot(burns~density, data=hogdata, pch=19, cex=1.5,
    col=c("black", "red")[hogdata$localization],
    xlab="density", ylab="burns")
legend("bottomright", legend=c("spread", "local"),
  col=c("black", "red"), pch=c(19, 19))
new.x<-expand.grid(density=unique(hogdata$density),
    localization=levels(hogdata$localization))</pre>
anclines<-predict(anc.burns, newdata=new.x)</pre>
preds<-data.frame(new.x,anclines)</pre>
idx <- order(preds$density)</pre>
sorted <- preds[idx,]</pre>
lines(anclines~density, data=subset(sorted,
    localization=="spread"))
lines(anclines~density, subset(sorted,
    localization=="local"), col="red")
```



A small selection of resources

- http://cran.r-project.org/manuals.html
- http://www.statmethods.net/
- http://plantecology.syr.edu/fridley/bio793/ nichenotes_portal.html
- http://www.instantr.com/
- http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/r/
- https://www.coursera.org/course/compdata
- http://tryr.codeschool.com/