Module 1.3

Getting started: basic plotting and statistics in R

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NOTE: this module borrows heavily from an R short course developed by a team at Colorado State University.

- Thanks to Perry Williams for allowing us to use these materials!!
- Thanks to John Tipton at CSU for developing much of this module (plotting in R)!

Load script for module #1.3: Plotting

- 1. Click here to download the script! Save the script to your working directory (R Project folder).
- 2. Load your script in your RStudio Project. To do this, open your RStudio Project and click on the folder icon in the toolbar at the top and load your script.

Let's get started with plotting in R!

We'll start with the 'trees' dataset, which is built into R. It describes the girth, height, and volume of 31 felled black cherry trees.

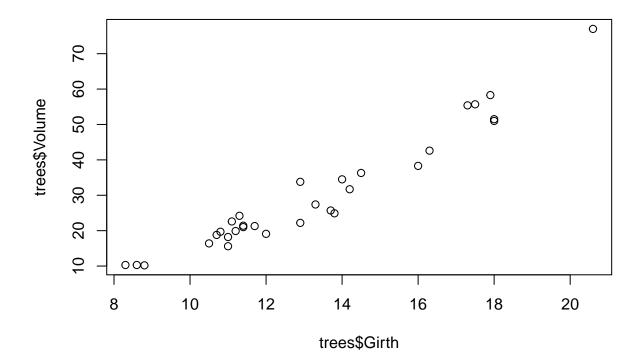
```
# ?trees
              # description of built in dataset (uncomment to run)
dim(trees)
            # Show the dimension of the trees dataframe
## [1] 31 3
            # Show the structure of the trees dataframe
str(trees)
## 'data.frame':
                    31 obs. of 3 variables:
  $ Girth: num 8.3 8.6 8.8 10.5 10.7 10.8 11 11 11.1 11.2 ...
   $ Height: num 70 65 63 72 81 83 66 75 80 75 ...
   $ Volume: num 10.3 10.3 10.2 16.4 18.8 19.7 15.6 18.2 22.6 19.9 ...
head(trees)
              # Show the first few observations of the trees dataframe
# Access the columns
trees$Girth
trees$Volume
```

Basic plots

R's basic "plot()" function takes an "x" argument (defining coordinates on an x axis) and a "y" argument (defining coordinates on a y axis).

Here is an example of a **scatterplot** in R:

```
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume) # use R's built-in "trees" dataset: ?trees
```



Change Plot Type

Because we're exploring different ways of plotting, it is useful to include multiple plots in the same image.

We can do this using the par() function (graphical parameters), which has arguments that control just about every aspect of a plot in R.

```
?par
par() # view the default graphical parameters (can be kind of overwhelming!)
```

We could change the "mfrow" graphical parameter from c(1,1) to c(2,2): this means that we can fit four plots into a single window.

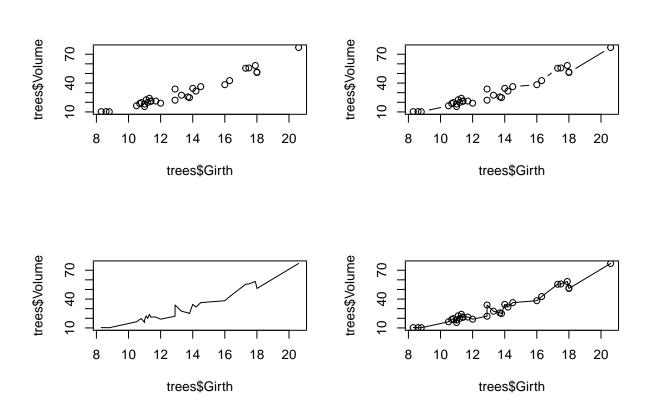
An even more powerful solution is to use the function layout(). An example using layout() is below.

The default plot type for two quantitative variables is points (classic scatterplot), but you can change it to lines or both points and lines (or others) by using the type= option:

```
# Use "layout" to define a 2 row x 2 column matrix with elements 1, 2, 3, and 4.
# This divides the image into four sections and then fills these with the plot function
layout(matrix(1:4, nrow=2, ncol=2))

# layout.show(n=4) # uncomment to run

plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume) # points
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, type="l") # lines
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, type="b") # both
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, type="o") # both with conected lines
```



Whenever you use layout() or par(), the graphics window will retain this layout for all subsequent plots. To start over (and return to the default graphical parameters), use graphics.off() to reset the plot. For example:

```
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume) ## The plot is still in 4 parts
graphics.off() ## now the plot is reset!
# layout(1) # (alternative way to reset back to a single plot)
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume) ## The plot is still in 4 parts
```

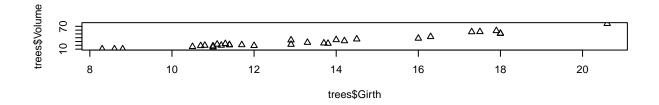
Change Plot Symbol

We can also change the type of points used when plotting using the pch= option. For example, we plot three different shape options below:

```
# Use layout to define a 3 row x 1 column matrix with elements 1, 2, and 3.
# This divides the image into three sections and then fills these with the plot function
layout(matrix(1:3, nrow=3, ncol=1))

# pch: 'plotting character' changes the type of point that is used (default is an open circle)!
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=19)  # filled point
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=2)  # open triangle
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=11)  # star
```

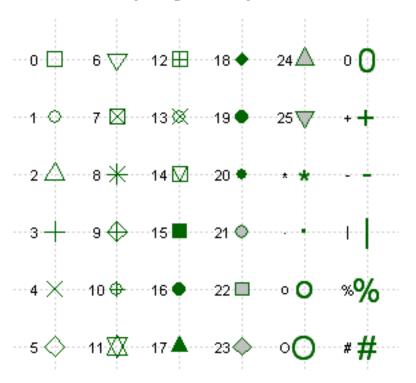






Here is a graphic illustrating the main plot symbols you can reference using 'pch':

plot symbols : pch =



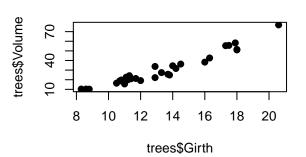
You might want to remember a couple favorities (for example, I like to use pch=20).

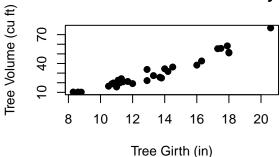
Specify Title and Axes

We can also add titles, axis labels, and other options to make the plots look pretty. For example, we show below how each plot is changed by the addition of one extra command, starting at the top left corner and moving top-to-bottom:

```
layout(matrix(1:4, 2, 2))
# main: adds a title
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=19,
     main="Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Trees")
# xlab: adds an x axis label
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=19,
     main="Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Trees",
     xlab="Tree Girth (in)")
# ylab: adds a y axis label
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=19,
     main="Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Trees",
     xlab="Tree Girth (in)", ylab="Tree Volume (cu ft)")
# las: rotates axis labels; las=1 makes them all parallel to reading direction
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=19,
     main="Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Trees",
     xlab="Tree Girth (in)", ylab="Tree Volume (cu ft)",
    las=1)
```

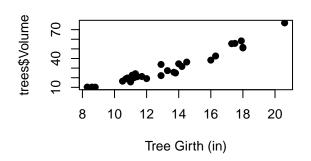
Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Tree Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Tree

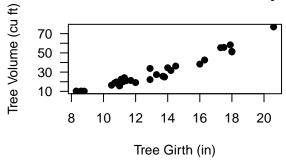




Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Tree

Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Tree





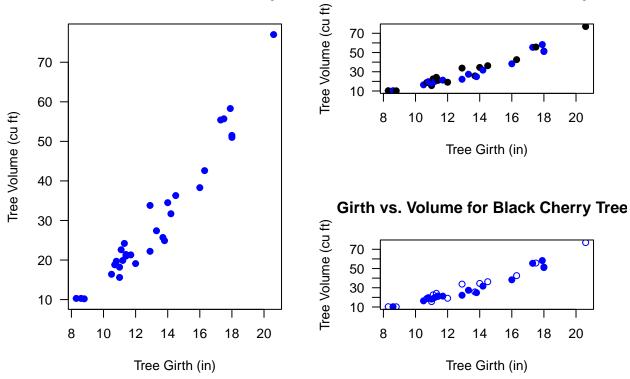
Add Colors

If we want we can add colors to the points in the plot as well using the col= option. We will also use the layout() function to make a more interesting plot

```
# Use layout to define a 2 row x 2 column matrix with elements 1, 1, 2, and 3.
# This divides the image into four sections but fills the first two sections
# with the first plot and then fills these next two sections with the final two plots
layout(matrix(c(1, 1, 2, 3), nrow=2, ncol=2))
# layout.show(3)
# col: select a color for the plotting characters
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=19,
     main="Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Trees",
     xlab="Tree Girth (in)", ylab="Tree Volume (cu ft)",
     las=1, col="blue")
# We can use the c() function to make a vector and have several colors, plotting characters, etc. per p
# We start with alternating colors for each point
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=19,
     main="Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Trees",
     xlab="Tree Girth (in)", ylab="Tree Volume (cu ft)",
     las=1, col=c("black", "blue"))
# And we can also alternate the plotting symbol at each point.
```

```
plot(x=trees$Girth, y=trees$Volume, pch=c(1,19),
    main="Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Trees",
    xlab="Tree Girth (in)", ylab="Tree Volume (cu ft)",
    las=1, col="blue")
```

Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Tree Girth vs. Volume for Black Cherry Tree



Plotting By Group

In our previous plot, we alternated colors between points - wouldn't it be awe some to use color to distinguish between groups in the data? To do this, we look at the <code>iris</code> dataset. This dataset describes the sepal length, sepal width, petal length, petal width, and species for 150 different irises representing 3 different species (*I. setosa, I. versicolor, I. virginica*) . First we look at the data:

```
?iris
head(iris)  # display first few rows of data
dim(iris)  # dimensionality of the data

## [1] 150 5

str(iris)  # details of the data structure

## 'data.frame': 150 obs. of 5 variables:
## $ Sepal.Length: num 5.1 4.9 4.7 4.6 5 5.4 4.6 5 4.4 4.9 ...
## $ Sepal.Width: num 3.5 3 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9 3.4 3.4 2.9 3.1 ...
```

```
## $ Petal.Length: num 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.5 ...
## $ Petal.Width : num 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 ...
## $ Species : Factor w/ 3 levels "setosa", "versicolor", ..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

We will use the col= option of our plot() function.

First we will define a new object with the three colors that we want to use. You can use any colors you like (Google "R color chart", or just click here)

```
plot.colors <- c("violet", "purple", "blue") # define the colors for representing species ID
```

Then, let's name each element of our plot colors vector to match the species names:

```
names(plot.colors) <- levels(iris$Species) # the "levels()" function returns all unique labels for an
plot.colors</pre>
```

```
## setosa versicolor virginica
## "violet" "purple" "blue"
```

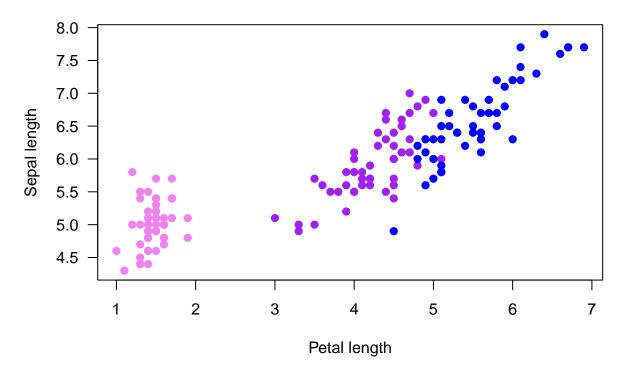
Now, each color is directly associated with a species. We can now use a logical operation to generate a vector of colors for our plot:

```
# generate a vector of colors for our plot (one color for each observation)
indices <- match(iris$Species,names(plot.colors)) # the "match()" function goes through each element
color.vector <- plot.colors[indices]</pre>
```

Now we can use our new color vector in our plotting!

```
plot(x=iris$Petal.Length, y=iris$Sepal.Length, pch=19, col=color.vector,
    main="Iris sepal length vs. petal length", xlab="Petal length",
    ylab="Sepal length", las=1)
```

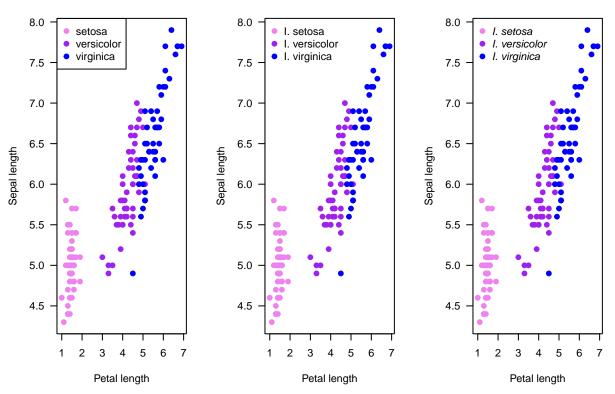
Iris sepal length vs. petal length



Add a Legend

We use the legend() function to add a legend to an existing plot. You can customize the legend if you wish. Here I pass a character vector to the legend= argument so that I can include the first letter of the genus in the second plot and use the bty='n' argument to remove the box around the legend. We can also Italicize the labels in the legend using text.font=3, as in the third plot.

Iris sepal length vs. petal lengt | Iris sepal length vs. petal lengt | Iris sepal length vs. petal lengt



Diplaying gradients (continuous data) using color and size

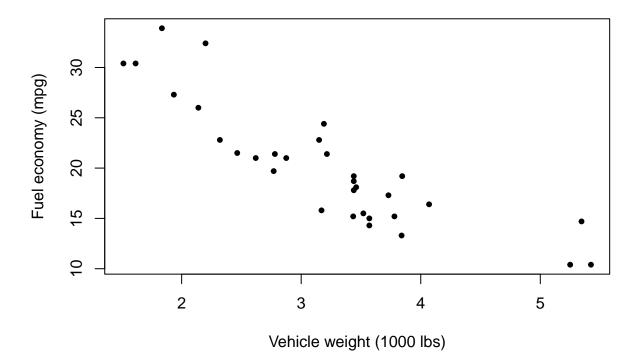
To illustrate some other cool ways to convey information graphically in R, let's turn to the "mtcars" dataset (which comes with base R):

```
## Diplaying gradients (continuous data) using color and size
# ?mtcars
head(mtcars)
```

First, let's plot fuel economy (mpg) as a function of vehicle weight:

```
## Plot fuel economy by weight
plot(mpg~wt, data=mtcars,pch=20,xlab="Vehicle weight (1000 lbs)",ylab="Fuel economy (mpg)")
```

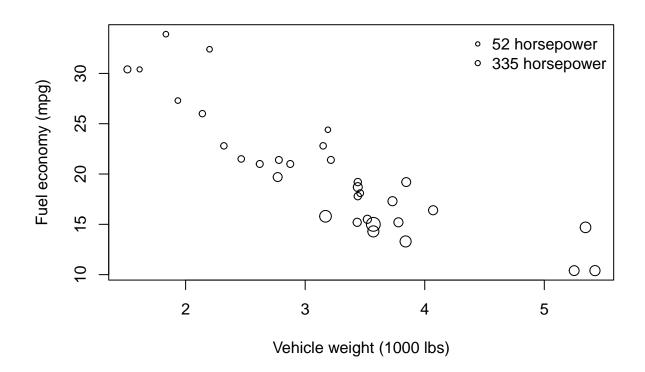
not



Now what if we want to look at another factor that might influence fuel economy: gross horsepower. We might imagine that cars with greater horsepower within a weight class will tend to have lower fuel economy. One way to do this is to use the size of the dots to indicate horsepower...

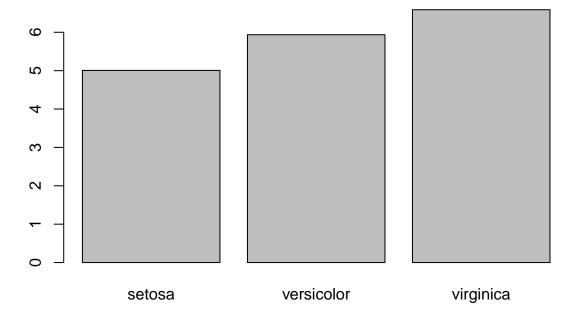
```
## Plot fuel economy by weight and horsepower
hp_rescale <- (mtcars$hp-min(mtcars$hp))/diff(range(mtcars$hp)) # scale from 0 to 1

plot(mpg~wt, data=mtcars,pch=1,xlab="Vehicle weight (1000 lbs)",ylab="Fuel economy (mpg)",cex=(hp_resc
legend("topright",pch=c(1,1),pt.cex=c(0.6,0.6*1.2),legend=paste(range(mtcars$hp),"horsepower"),bty="n")</pre>
```



Bar Plots

```
## calculate the mean Sepal Length of for each species
bar.heights <- tapply(iris$Sepal.Length, iris$Species, mean) #use "tapply()" function, which summariz
# The basic 'barplot()' function
barplot(bar.heights)</pre>
```

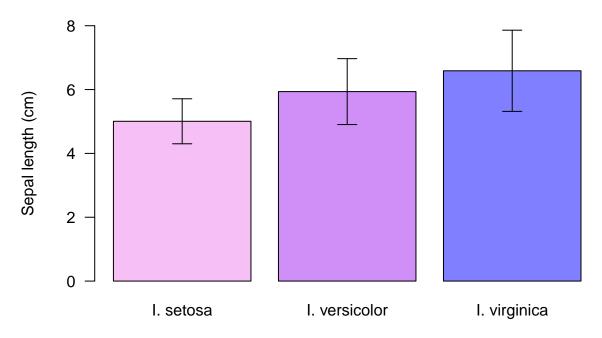


Error bars

Error bars can be added to scatter plots in a similar way. We'll plot error bars representing 2 standard deviations from the mean. The object that you called your barplot (b) is interpreted by R as the x values in the middle of each bar b (which are very hard to guess!).

We'll use the arrows() function to add arrows to an existing plot. With some modifications, our arrows will have an arrowhead at each end (code=3), and the 'arrowhead' will actually be perpendicular to the arrow shaft (angle=90)

Sepal length for 3 Irises

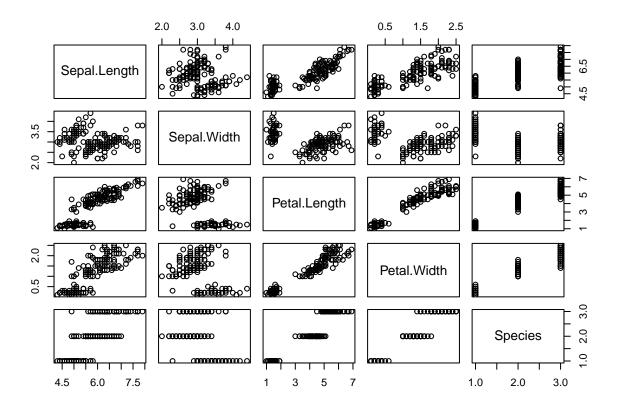


?arrows

Pairs Plots

The pairs() function allows for quick investigation into relationships between variables. Be careful if your data set is large (e.g., lots of columns), as this can be a slow function.

pairs(iris)



Challenge Yourself by recreating the following plots:

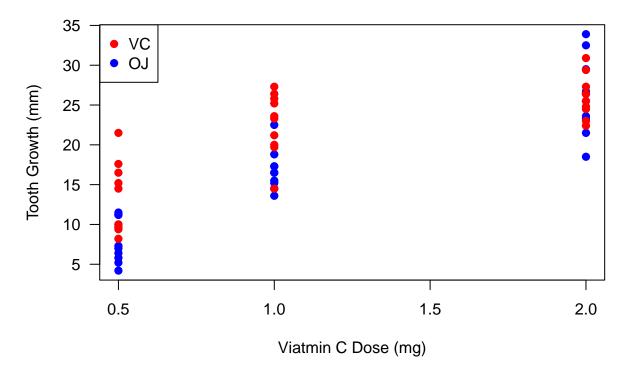
Feel free to work in groups!

Using colors

Using the ToothGrowth dataset built into R, plot the tooth length (the len variable) as a function of the vitamin C dosage (the dose variable). Use a different color for each method of administering the vitamin C (the supp variable). Try and re-create the plot below:

?ToothGrowth
head(ToothGrowth)





Bar Plots Challenge

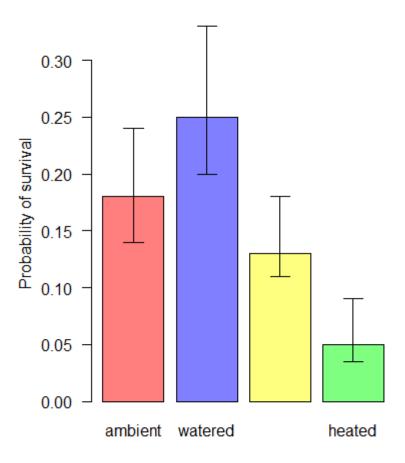
The following data represent survival of plant seedlings in 4 different treatments: ambient, watered, heated + watered, and heated. Make a bar plot with their 95% confidence intervals. Note these are asymmetric (more uncertainty above the mean than below), like what might come from a logistic regression model. Try and re-create the plot below:

```
prop <- c(0.18, 0.25, 0.13, 0.05)

asympLCL <- c(0.14, 0.20, 0.11, 0.035)

asympUCL <- c(0.24, 0.33, 0.18, 0.09)
```

Plant Survivorship by treatment



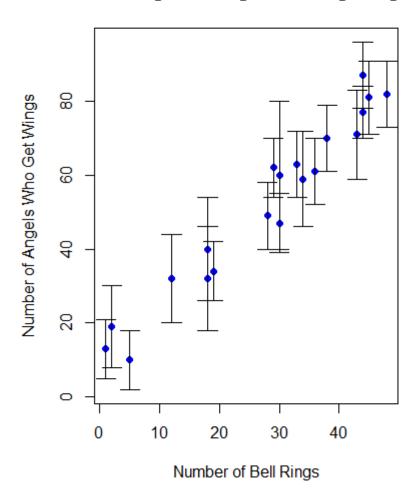
Scatterplot Challenge Error Bars

The randomly generated data below are measurements of the number of the number of angels who get their wings as a function of the number of bells that have been rung. There is some uncertainty in measuring wing acquisition (represented as the offset from the sampled mean). How would you add error bars to a scatter plot? See if you can re-create the plot below:

```
set.seed(13)
n <- 20 # Number of experimental trials
a <- 12
b <- 1.5

rings <- round(runif(n)*50) # number of bell rings
wings <- round(a + b*rings + rnorm(n, sd=5)) # number of angels who get their wings
offset <- rpois(n, lambda=10) # measurement error
lwr <- wings - offset
upr <- wings + offset</pre>
```

Bell Rings vs. Angels Getting Wings



Statistics in R!

This workshop is NOT an intro to statistics!

But, R is an environment developed for statistical computing, so let's run some basic statistics in R!

Load data

First, download the sculpin eggs data here and save this to your working directory.

```
sculpin.df <- read.csv("sculpineggs.csv")
head(sculpin.df)</pre>
```

Summary statistics

Let's start by generating summary statistics, some of which are the same ones that are displayed by the "summary()" function. Most of the function names are pretty intuitive, like mean() and median():

```
#####
#####
       Summary Statistics
#####
mean(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
                              # compute sample mean
## [1] 76.54545
median(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
                              # compute sample median
## [1] 87
min(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
                               # sample minimum
## [1] 37
max(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
                               # sample maximum
## [1] 100
range(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
                              # both min and max.
## [1] 37 100
quantile(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS,0.5)
                                             # compute sample median using quantile function
## 50%
## 87
quantile(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS,c(0.25,0.75)) # compute sample quartiles
    25% 75%
## 63.0 91.5
var(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
                                  # sample variance
```

```
sd(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
                                   # sample standard deviation
## [1] 20.46638
sd(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)^2
                                   # another way to compute variance
## [1] 418.8727
var(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)^0.5
                                   # another way to compute std. dev.
## [1] 20.46638
colMeans(sculpin.df)
                                # column mean of data frame
##
      FEMWT NUMEGGS
## 30.36364 76.54545
apply(sculpin.df,2,mean)
                                # column mean of data frame # note the use of the "apply()" function.
##
      FEMWT NUMEGGS
## 30.36364 76.54545
apply(sculpin.df,2,median)
                                # column median of data frame
     FEMWT NUMEGGS
##
##
        33
                87
#######
# Or just use the "summary()" function!
summary(sculpin.df) # provides a set of summary statistics for all columns in a data frame.
##
        FEMWT
                       NUMEGGS
                    Min. : 37.00
## Min.
           :14.00
## 1st Qu.:24.50
                    1st Qu.: 63.00
## Median :33.00
                    Median: 87.00
## Mean
           :30.36
                    Mean
                          : 76.55
   3rd Qu.:38.50
                    3rd Qu.: 91.50
##
## Max.
           :42.00
                    Max.
                           :100.00
If your data have missing values (coded as 'NA' in R), some statistical functions won't work properly unless
you specify an "na.rm=TRUE" argument (click here if you don't already have the test dataset with missing
values):
##########
# Deal with missing data
newdf <- read.table(file="data_missing.txt", sep="\t", header=T) # load dataset with missing data
```

mean(newdf\$Export)

```
## [1] NA
```

```
mean(newdf$Export,na.rm = TRUE)
```

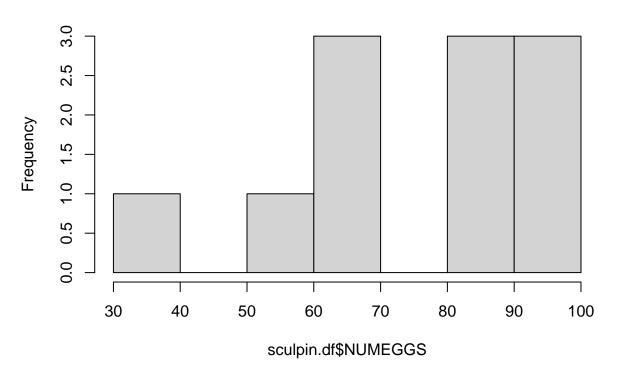
[1] 10.22222

Visual exploration

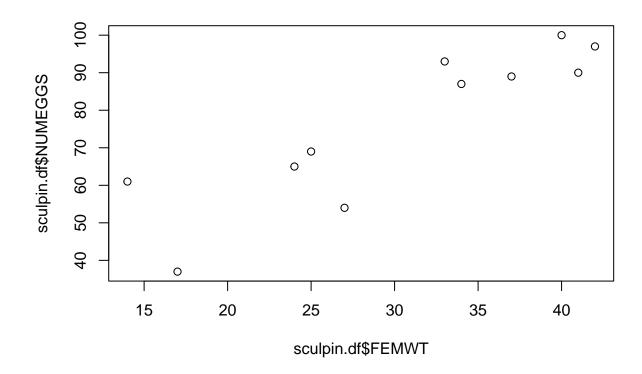
Plots (see beginning of module) take data exploration to the next level- we can start to discern patterns and identify outliers visually, giving us cues for further analyses we might want to perform.

```
#####
##### Plot data
#####
hist(sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
```

Histogram of sculpin.df\$NUMEGGS



```
plot(x = sculpin.df$FEMWT,y = sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
```



Linear Regression

##

19.77

1.87

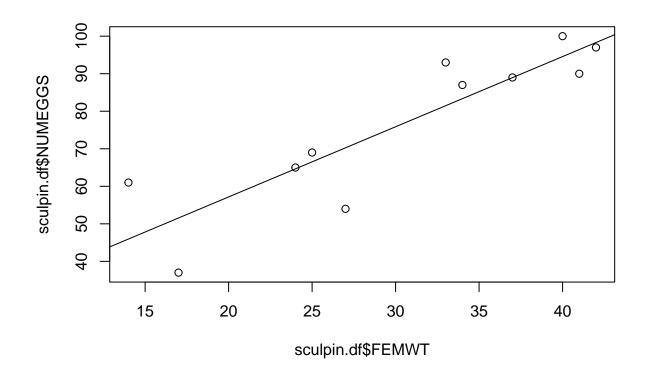
The plot above suggests a fairly strong relationship between sculpin weight ("FEMWT") and number of eggs ("NUMEGGS"). Let's try to model this relationship!

Note the use of the generic "summary()" function below, which returns something very different when the input object is a linear model vs. when the input object is a data frame!

Also note the use of the "predict()" function, which not only allows you to use the model to make predictions, but also reports the uncertainty bounds on these predictions (via confidence or prediction intervals).

```
#####
#####
       Linear Regression
#####
m1 <- lm(NUMEGGS ~ FEMWT, data=sculpin.df)</pre>
                                                   # fit linear regression model
                                          # view estimates of intercept and slope
m1
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = NUMEGGS ~ FEMWT, data = sculpin.df)
##
##
  Coefficients:
   (Intercept)
                       FEMWT
```

```
summary(m1)
                                       # view summary of fit
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = NUMEGGS ~ FEMWT, data = sculpin.df)
##
## Residuals:
##
       Min
                 1Q Median
                                   ЗQ
                                           Max
## -16.2556 -3.8700 0.3543 4.5448 15.0538
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 19.7668 10.5497 1.874 0.093747 .
## FEMWT
                1.8700
                           0.3325 5.624 0.000324 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 10.15 on 9 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.7785, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7539
## F-statistic: 31.63 on 1 and 9 DF, p-value: 0.0003242
summary(m1)$r.squared
                                       # extract R-squared
## [1] 0.7784851
confint(m1)
                                       # confidence intervals for intercept and slope
                  2.5 %
##
                           97.5 %
## (Intercept) -4.098376 43.632008
## FEMWT
               1.117797 2.622113
AIC(m1)
                                       # report AIC (Akaike's Information Criterion, used to perform m
## [1] 86.00155
plot(x = sculpin.df$FEMWT,y = sculpin.df$NUMEGGS)
                                                    # plot data
abline(m1)
                                                    # plot line of best fit
```



```
#######
# Use the "predict()" function!
FEMWT.pred <- data.frame(FEMWT = 30)</pre>
                                                         # create new data frame to predict number of egg
predict(m1, newdata=FEMWT.pred)
                                                         # make prediction
## 75.86547
predict(m1, newdata=FEMWT.pred, interval="confidence")
                                                         # make prediction and get confidence interval
##
          fit
                   lwr
## 1 75.86547 68.93463 82.79631
predict(m1,newdata=FEMWT.pred,interval="prediction")
                                                         # make prediction and get prediction interval
##
          fit
                   lwr
## 1 75.86547 51.87347 99.85748
```

Model selection example

Sometimes we may be uncertain which model is "best". In this case, we run a set of **plausible models** and compare these models using metrics of model fit and performance, like AIC or R-squared.

Note the use of the "I()" within the formula specification (i.e., the "[response] \sim [predictors]" statement). Using "I()" causes R to interpret what's inside the parentheses literally ("as is"), instead of using R's formula shorthands. For instance, you might try running a linear model ("lm()") in the following two ways and see how the results differ!

Click here for more information on R's formula notation.

```
#########
# Explore the use of the "I()" syntax to interpret mathematical expressions literally (as is) within f

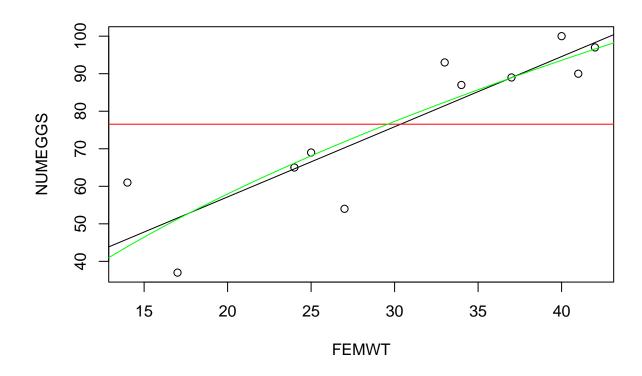
mod_noI <- lm(NUMEGGS ~ FEMWT^2, data=sculpin.df)  # fit linear regression model. But t
summary(mod_noI)

mod_withI <- lm(NUMEGGS ~ I(FEMWT^2), data=sculpin.df)  # fit linear regression model
summary(mod_withI)</pre>
# fit linear regression model
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Below we perform AIC model selection and also visualize the differences between these alternative linear models.

A flexible method for visualizing the fit of alternative linear models involves overlaying predictions from each model (using the "predict()" function) on a basic scatterplot:

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#### Model selection example ####
## Try to work through these examples and make sure you understand them before moving on to the challen
m1 <- lm(NUMEGGS ~ FEMWT, data=sculpin.df)</pre>
                                                              # fit linear regression model
summary(m1)
m2 <- lm(NUMEGGS ~ 1, data=sculpin.df)</pre>
                                                              # fit linear regression with intercept only
summary(m2)
m3 <- lm(NUMEGGS ~ I(FEMWT^0.5), data=sculpin.df)
                                                              # fit linear regression with intercept and
summary(m3)
plot(NUMEGGS ~ FEMWT, data=sculpin.df)
                                                             # plot data
abline(m1,col="black")
                                                             # plot line of best fit
abline(m2, col="red")
                                                             # plot intercept only model
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# Here's a flexible method for drawing any arbitrary non-linear relationship!
FEMWT.pred <- data.frame(FEMWT = seq(10,45,by=0.1)) # create new data frame to predict number of NUMEGGS.pred <- predict(m3,newdata=FEMWT.pred) # make prediction using "predict()" function
lines(FEMWT.pred$FEMWT,NUMEGGS.pred,col="green") # plot sqrt model (note the use of the "lines()" func
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Perform model selection!

#Compare models using AIC
AIC(m1)

[1] 86.00155

AIC(m2)

[1] 100.5815

AIC(m3)

[1] 86.87398

#Compare models using R-squared
summary(m1)\$r.squared

[1] 0.7784851

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summary(m2)$r.squared
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[1] 0

summary(m3)\$r.squared

[1] 0.7602009

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# And finally, here's how you can draw a confidence interval or prediction interval around a regressio

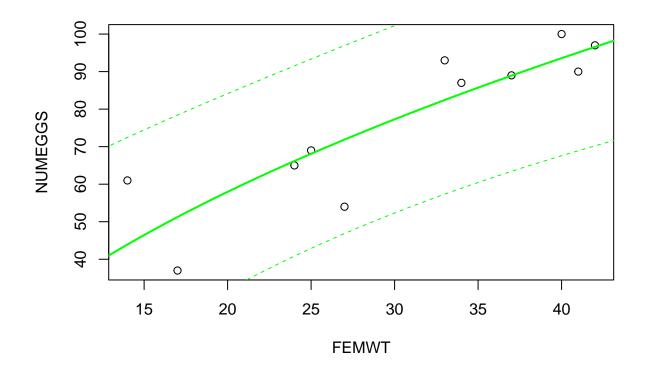
plot(NUMEGGS ~ FEMWT,data=sculpin.df)  # plot data

NUMEGGS.confint <- predict(m3,newdata=FEMWT.pred,interval="prediction")  # use "predict()" f

points(FEMWT.pred$FEMWT,NUMEGGS.confint[,"fit"],col="green",typ="l",lwd=2)  # plot fitted sqrt model

points(FEMWT.pred$FEMWT,NUMEGGS.confint[,"lwr"],col="green",typ="l",lty=2)  # plot fitted sqrt model

points(FEMWT.pred$FEMWT,NUMEGGS.confint[,"upr"],col="green",typ="l",lty=2)  # plot fitted sqrt model</pre>
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${\bf Statistics\ challenge\ exercises}$

- 1: Fit a linear regression model with NUMEGGS as the response and some other transformation of FEMWT (e.g., $lm(NUMEGGS \sim I(FEMWT^3))$) as the predictor.
- 2: Plot the data and the curve of best fit from #1. How does the model fit the data?

- 3: Fit a linear regression model with NUMEGGS as the response and with both a linear and quadratic effect of FEMWT (within the same formula).
- 4: Plot the data and the curve of best fit from #1 and #3. Compare the two models. Can you identify a "best model"? If so, which one?
- 5: Predict the number of eggs (along with prediction interval) for FEMWT=15 using the models you fit in #1 and #3.

How do the predictions compare?

-go to next module-

Extra: Histograms

layout(matrix(1:2, 1, 2))

We can also use histograms to explore our data.

Histogram of Sepal Length

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