

Statistical Bioinformatics Lab: Introduction to R

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R Basics

- R is case-sensitive! A and a are different.
- Separate commands with; or a new line.
- Add comments with # (@ start of line)
 - Useful to document code so others (and future you!) can understand what the code is doing
- Exit R with q()

R Basics II

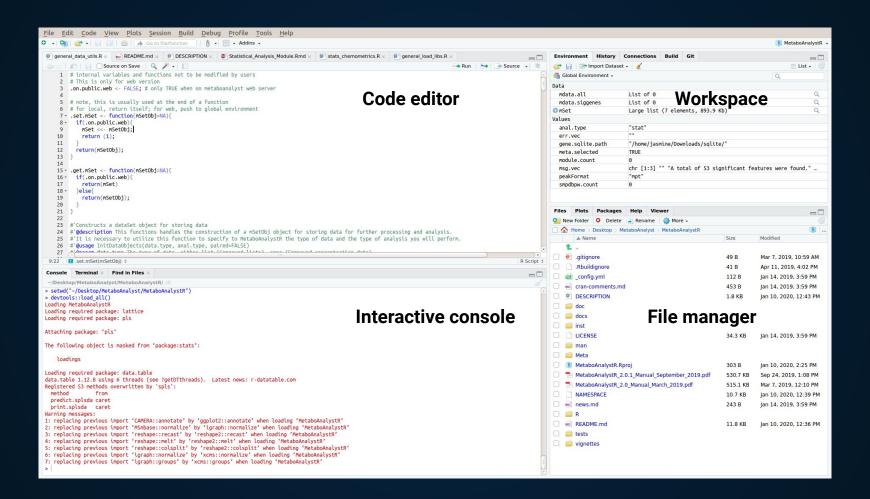
Assignment operator <--

$$> x = 1$$

• Equivalent to the function:

R Studio Basics

- Top left window ~ Code editor
 - Create R script containing your code
 - Cut and paste into R console or Edit > Run
- Bottom left window ~ Interactive console
 - Type directly into command line
 - R code runs 1 line at a time
- Top right window ~ Workspace
 - All objects in current working environment / history
- Bottom right window ~ Data visualization, working directory, help files



Getting help in R

- For any R function:
 - help(sum)
 - ?sum
- Many R functions are extensively documented manuals, tutorials, examples. Most important part are the commands' description and parameters.
- To view parameters of any functions use args()
 - args(matrix)
 - args(cor)

R Basics III

- To view the command history
 - Use the vertical arrow keys on the keyboard
- R objects
 - Remove objects ~ rm(x,y)
- Save workspace
 - o save.image(file="me.RData") # saves all objects in current R session
 - save(city, country, file="me.RData") # save particular objects
 - load(file="me.RData") # load objects in new R session
 - saveRDS(city, file="city.rds") # save 1 object
 - city <- readRDS("city.rds") # load object and assign to a variable

R Data Types

- Numeric
- Character
- Logical
- Factor
- Check class of data with class()
 - > x <- 1 > class(x) [1] "nume<u>ric"</u>

Logical variables

- > greater than
- < less than</p>
- == equal to each-other
- != not equal to each-other
- !X (not X)
- **X & Y** (X and Y)
- **X | Y** (X or Y)

R Basics: Sequences of Numbers

- Generate sequences of numbers
 - > 1:30
 - > 30:1
- Sequence function: seq(from=1, to=1, by=((to from)/(length.out 1)), length.out=NULL)
 - > seq(1,30) # equivalent to 1:30
 - > x <- seq(1, 30, by=0.2)
 - > x <- seq(1, 30, length.out=12)

R Basics: Sequences of Numbers

Repeating sequences

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

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

R Data Structures

Vector

 Basic data structure, containing zero or more elements, all of the same type.

Matrix

Two dimensional data structure where all elements are the same type.

List

Contain zero or more elements of any type.

Data frame

Two dimensional data structure where columns may be different types,
 but all elements in the column must be the same type.

Vectors

- Created with the combine function c()
- Numerical
 - > num.vec <- c(1, 2, 3)
- Logical
 - > log.vec <- c(TRUE, FALSE, NA)
- Character
 - > char.vec <- c("ice", "rain", "rock")

Naming vectors

- Why? It's important to understand your data!
- Use clear names to understand what the elements refer to.
 - > x <- c(7.5, 6.1, 5.9, 6.2)
 - > baby.weights <- c(7.5, 6.1, 5.9, 6.2)
- Names function: names()
 - #opt1
 - > names(baby.weights) <- c("Amanda", "Nick", "Jessica", "Andy")
 - #opt2
 - > baby.names <- c("Amanda", "Nick", "Jessica", "Andy")</pre>
 - > names(baby.weights) <- baby.names

Vector Arithmetic

Can be used in arithmetic calculations, element by element

```
> c <- c(11, 6, 12, 7, 8)
> d <- c(13, 10, 9, 8, 11)
> e <- c + d
[1] 24 16 21 15 19
```

Sum function, total of elements in a variable: sum()
 sum(c)
 [1] 44

More functions on vectors

- \bullet > c <- c(11, 6, 12, 7, 8)
- > d <- c(13, 10, 9, 8, 11)
- > length(c) # number of elements in vector
- > mean(c) # mean of vector
- > var(c) # variance of vector
- > sqrt(var(c))
- > summary(c) # shows min, median, max, etc.
- > summary(d)
- > cor(c,d) # correlation between c and d

Indexing 101

- Indexing in R starts at 1 (0 is common in other programming languages)
- Select specific elements within a vector
 - > x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
 - > x[1] # first element
- Select multiple elements within a vector
 - > x[c(1, 4)] # first and fourth element
 - [1] 1 4
 - > x[1:3] # first 3 elements
 - [1] 1 2 3

Indexing 101

Index by element name

```
> x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
> names(x) <- c("blue", "green", "orange", "yellow", "pink")
> x[c("green", "pink")]
green pink
2 5
```

Indexing 101

- By logical comparisons, subset vector by elements that are TRUE
 - > baby.weights <- c(7.5, 6.1, 5.9, 6.2)
 - > big.baby.weights <- baby.weights>6

```
Amanda Nick Jessica Andy
TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE
```

> big6.baby.weights <- baby.weights[big.baby.weights]

```
Amanda Nick Andy
7.5 6.1 6.2
```

Practice

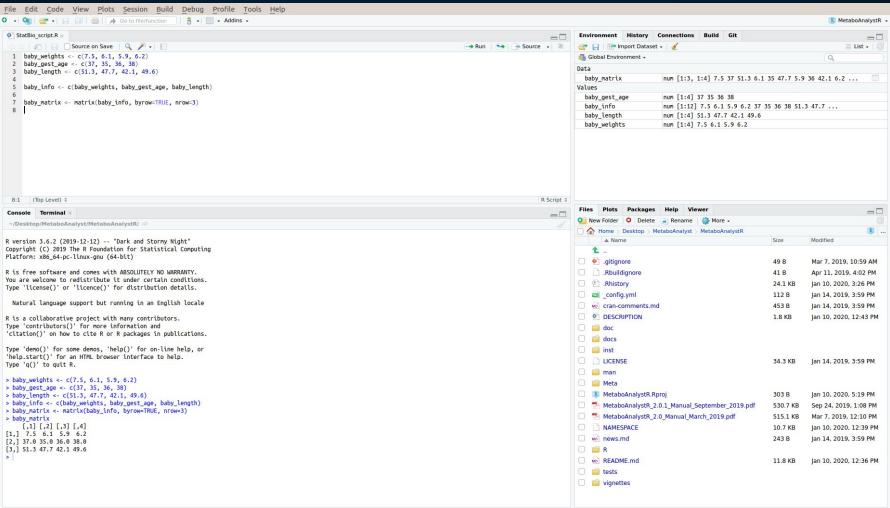
Matrixes

- A matrix is a collection of data of the same type (numeric, character, logical)
- Fixed number of rows and columns
- Created using the function matrix()
 - > matrix(1:16, byrow=TRUE, nrow=4, ncol=4) #byrow is logical

```
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] 1 2 3 4
[2,] 5 6 7 8
[3,] 9 10 11 12
[4,] 13 14 15 16
```

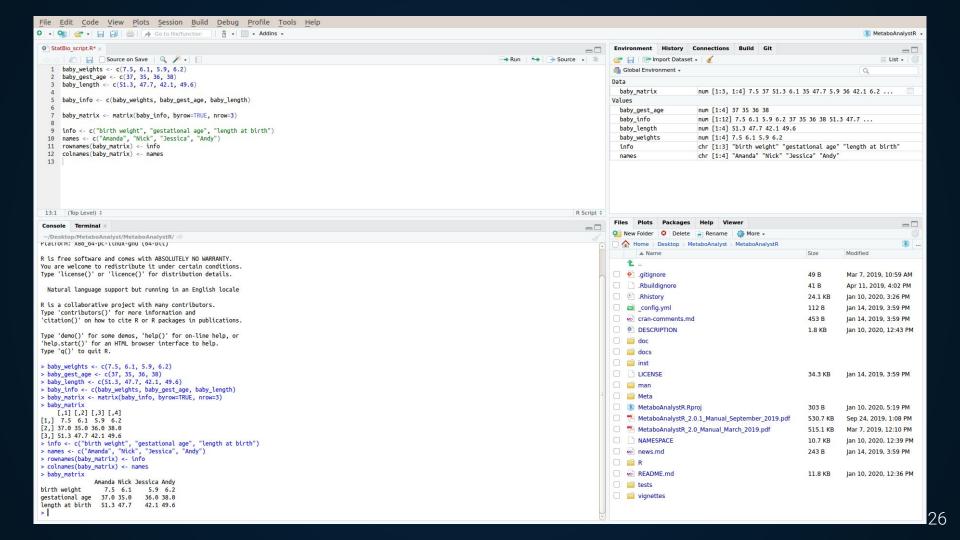
Creating a matrix

- Vectors with birth information
 - > baby_weights <- c(7.5, 6.1, 5.9, 6.2)
 - > baby_gest_age <- c(37, 35, 36, 38)
 - > baby_length <- c(51.3, 47.7, 42.1, 49.6)
- Combine 3 vectors into 1
 - > baby_info <- c(baby_weights, baby_gest_age, baby_length)</pre>
- Create matrix
 - > baby_matrix <- matrix(baby_info, byrow=TRUE, nrow=3)</pre>
- What happens if <u>byrow=F</u>?



Naming Matrices

- Need to name baby_matrix, if not data is hard to interpret.
- Name rows and columns separately.
 - > info <- c("birth weight", "gestational age", "length at birth")
 - > names <- c("Amanda", "Nick", "Jessica", "Andy")
 - > rownames(baby_matrix) <- info
 - > colnames(baby_matrix) <- names</pre>



Matrix Manipulation

- Add a column with function cbind()
- Merges matrixes and/or vectors
 - > new_baby <- c(7.1, 39, 50.1)
 - > baby_matrix_c <- cbind(baby_matrix, new_baby)</pre>
- Add a row with function rbind()
 - > baby_head <- c(37.8, 35.2, 34.2, 36.1)
 - > baby_matrix_r <- rbind(baby_matrix, baby_head)</pre>

Practice

Lists in R

- Similar to vectors, but instead of having one data type, you can have all of them in one (numeric, character, logical, etc.) + all data structures (even lists in lists)
- Useful to store output from analyses
- Can also be named
 - > apples <- c("McIntosh", "Fuji", "Gala", "Honeycrisp", "Granny Smith")
 - > trees <- c(100, 200, 300, 150, 175)
 - > good_yield <- c(F, T, T, F, T)
 - > apple_list <- list(apples, trees, good_yield)</pre>
 - > names(apple_list) <- c("a", "b", "c")

Lists in R

- > apple_list[1] #sub-list of vector 1 [] always a list
- > apple_list[c(1,3)] #sub-list of vector 1 & 3
- > apple_list[[2]][1] #returns element 1 in 2nd vector no longer a list
- > apple_list[[2]][1] <- 150 #directly change element
- > apple_list_named\$a #subset named elements, works like [[]]

Subsetting a list

apple_list

apple_list[1]

apple_list[[1]]

apple_list[[1]][1:100]









Practice

Data Frames in R

- For storing data tables, most datasets entered in R are DFs.
- Characteristics:
 - List of vectors of equal length categorical, numerical, logical
 - Column-names !empty, row-names unique
 - Create a df with function data.frame(x, y, z)
- > mtcars #pre-built DF in R
 - Header = top line, column names
 - Rows = begins with row names. Default numeric if none given.

Importing Data in R

- First, set your working directory!
 - Why? To find files to work with, save R code to a specific folder, save images to a specific folder...
- getwd() # shows current position
- setwd() # set working directory
- dir() # lists all files in current directory
- In R Studio, 3 ways to set working directory:
 - Session > Set working directory
 - setwd("~/Desktop")
 - Bottom right window: Files > More > Set working directory

From Excel to R

- Excel lets you save files as "comma separated values"
- Strips formatting, but content still there for R
- Function to read csv files: read.csv(file="x.csv")
- Function to create csv files: write.csv(file="x.csv")

From Excel to R

- In the dataset bps.csv, you will find systolic and diastolic blood pressure measurements for women and men.
 - > setwd("~/Desktop/R/R workshop")
 - > bps <- read.csv(file="bps.csv", header=T) #header means that the columns are true titles
 - o > head(bps)
 - Q: How many rows are there?

Data Visualization in R

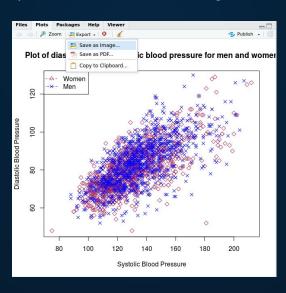
- > attach(bps) # negates need for dataframe \$variable
- > detach(bps) # removes attachment
- > help(plot)
- One variable plots
 - Histograms
 - > hist(SYSTBP)
 - Scatter plots
 - **■** > plot(SYSTBP[1:5], DIASTBP[1:5])
 - Box plots
 - > boxplot(SYSTBP)

Two Variable Plots in R

- Scatterplots
 - > plot(SYSTBP, DIASTBP) #not that informative, all points at once
- Plot different points for men and women
- Use the function: points(x, y) #pch = plotting characters
 - > plot(SYSTBP, DIASTBP)
 - > plot(SYSTBP[SEX==0], DIASTBP[SEX==0], ylab="Diastolic Blood Pressure", xlab="Systolic Blood Pressure", main="Plot of diastolic against systolic blood pressure for men and women", col="maroon", pch=5)
 - > points(SYSTBP[SEX==1], DIASTBP[SEX==1], col="blue", pch=4) #points and lines will add to the previous plot, plot will give you a new plot!
 - > legend('topleft', c("Women","Men"), pch=c(2,4), col=c("maroon","blue"), lty=c(2,4))

Saving Plots in R

- Need to open a graphic device
- R Studio Plots Panel: Export > Save as Image or Save as PDF



Saving Plots in R

- Specify the format to save images using functions such as: jpeg(), png(), svg() or pdf().
 - Also specify the height and width of the images in these functions.
- Create the plot.
- Close the file with dev.off()
 - > png(file="x.png", width=350, height=350)
 - > plot(1:10)

Practice