

# R basics and flow control

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## Getting started

Welcome to the EEB Quantitative skills bootcamp.

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## R basics

Use `setwd()` to set your directory.

```
setwd("~/Dropbox/bootcamp_examples")
```

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And use `getwd()` to see the working directory.

```
setwd("~/Dropbox/bootcamp_examples")
getwd()
```

```
## [1] "/Users/michaelalfaro/Dropbox/bootcamp_examples"
```

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## comments

The `#` character is used to mark comments. R ignores everything after the `#` to the end of the line

```
2 + 2
```

```
## [1] 4
```

```
#2 + 3
```

R ignores the line `2 + 3` because of the `#`

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## getting help

R has many options for getting help. You can use the `help()` function on any function:

```
help(lm)
```

You can also use `"?"` before a function.

```
?lm
```

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Two question marks (“??”) tells R to use fuzzy matching on the function name. R will search for functions with names similar to your query in all installed packages. “?” and “??” won’t evaluate in this document but you should try them at your command prompt to see the help files.

```
??lm
```

```
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```

## the c() function

The c() function combines elements into a vector and is one of the most commonly use functions in R.

```
grad.school.tips <- c( "use a reference manager", "learn a programming language", "write lots of papers"
```

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You can use cat() to print objects to a screen.

```
cat(grad.school.tips, sep = "\n")
```

```
## use a reference manager
## learn a programming language
## write lots of papers
```

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## install

install() is used to install new packages:

```
install.packages(c("geiger", "picante"), dep = T)
```

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## variables

As you work in an R session, any variables that you declare will be stored in the session. If you want to see all objects that you have created in you session, use the ls() function. In R the assignment operator is <- as in

```
xx <-1000
ls()
```

```
## [1] "grad.school.tips" "xx"
```

We can investigate variable types with class:

```
class(xx)
```

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

## Basic Data Types

- character (strings)
  - numeric (real numbers)
  - integer (integer numbers)
  - complex (complex numbers)
  - logical (TRUE, FALSE)
  - factor (categorical values)
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## removing variables

To remove a variable from the workspace, use `rm(variable)`

```
ls()

## [1] "grad.school.tips" "xx"

rm(xx)
ls()

## [1] "grad.school.tips"
```

## quitting R

You can quit R with `q()`. Caution, `q()` will quit your R session!

```
q()
q(save = 'no')
```

## vectors

Vectors are one dimensional and contain values of the same type

```
evens <- c(2,4,6,8)
fifths <- c("C", "G", "D", "A", "E")
class(evens)

## [1] "numeric"

class(fifths)

## [1] "character"
```

you can perform operations on the entire vector....

```
mean(evens)

## [1] 5

sum(evens)

## [1] 20
```

```
length(fifths)
```

```
## [1] 5
```

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## matrices and arrays

Matrices are two dimensional versions of vectors. They contain data of the same type and can allow for matrix operations.

```
mm <- matrix(data = 1:9, nrow = 3, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
mm[1,] # first row
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3
```

```
mm[,1] # first col
```

```
## [1] 1 4 7
```

arrays have more than two dimensions

```
aa <- array(data = 1:27, dim = c(3,3,3))
aa
```

```
## , , 1
```

```
##
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
```

```
## [1,]     1     4     7
```

```
## [2,]     2     5     8
```

```
## [3,]     3     6     9
```

```
##
```

```
## , , 2
```

```
##
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
```

```
## [1,]    10    13    16
```

```
## [2,]    11    14    17
```

```
## [3,]    12    15    18
```

```
##
```

```
## , , 3
```

```
##
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
```

```
## [1,]    19    22    25
```

```
## [2,]    20    23    26
```

```
## [3,]    21    24    27
```

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## lists

lists are collections of any kind of R object (vectors, matrices, data frames). You access list elements by `[]` or by the name of the list element.

```
l1 <- list(vec = aa, mat = mm, char = fifths, num = evens)
l1[[1]]
```

```
## , , 1
##
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    4    7
## [2,]    2    5    8
## [3,]    3    6    9
##
## , , 2
##
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]   10   13   16
## [2,]   11   14   17
## [3,]   12   15   18
##
## , , 3
##
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]   19   22   25
## [2,]   20   23   26
## [3,]   21   24   27

l1$char
## [1] "C" "G" "D" "A" "E"
```

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## data frames

These are the most common data structure you will interact with in R. Think of them like excel spreadsheets. We

```
L3 <- LETTERS[1:3]
fac <- sample(L3, 10, replace = TRUE)
dd <- data.frame(x = 1, y = 1:10, fac = fac)
head(dd,3)
```

```
##   x y fac
## 1 1 1   B
## 2 1 2   C
## 3 1 3   C
```

```
str(dd)
```

```
## 'data.frame':   10 obs. of  3 variables:
## $ x : num  1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
## $ y : int  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
## $ fac: chr  "B" "C" "C" "A" ...
```

```
## The "same" with automatic column names:
```

We will work with data frames in the next example.

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## Reading in files and manipulating data objects

For this section we are going to work with two kinds of data: a phylogenetic tree, and swimming data for some of the species in this tree. One of the most common tasks you will perform in R will be reading in data and this section should help orient you to ways you can interact with your data objects in the R environment.

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### Read in the tree

The first thing we will do is use `read.tree()` to read in a phylogenetic tree. `readtree()` is in the Ape library, so make sure you have that installed. The tree file is a text file that contains information about the tree structure and tip labels in Newick format. Use a text editor to look at this file if you are curious.

```
library(ape)
tt <- read.tree("~/Dropbox/bootcamp_examples/tree.tre")
###see elements of an object
attributes(tt)

## $names
## [1] "edge"          "edge.length" "Nnode"        "node.label"   "tip.label"
## [6] "root.edge"
##
## $class
## [1] "phylo"
##
## $order
## [1] "cladewise"

###access those elements with $
tt$tip.label[1:10]

## [1] "Polyodon_spathula"      "Psephurus_gladius"
## [3] "Scaphirhynchus_albus"   "Scaphirhynchus_platorynchus"
## [5] "Scaphirhynchus_suttkusi" "Huso_huso"
## [7] "Acipenser_dabryanus"    "Acipenser_nudiventris"
## [9] "Acipenser_ruthenus"     "Acipenser_gueldenstaedtii"

head(tt$tip.label)

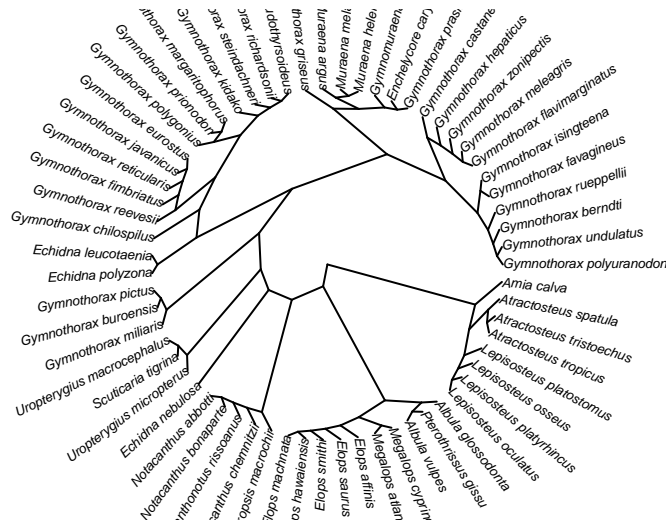
## [1] "Polyodon_spathula"      "Psephurus_gladius"
## [3] "Scaphirhynchus_albus"   "Scaphirhynchus_platorynchus"
## [5] "Scaphirhynchus_suttkusi" "Huso_huso"
```

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### pruning the tree

This tree is giant! Lets prune down and plot the pruned tree.

```
pruned.tree <- drop.tip(tt, tt$tip.label[1:7900])
plot(ladderize(pruned.tree), cex = 0.4, type = "radial")
```



## reading in data

```
# d contains length data, family, species, order, etc
inpath = "~/Dropbox/bootcamp_examples/data.txt"
dd <- read.table(inpath, header=T, sep='\t', as.is = T);
```

###NOTE: R by default reads character columns as FACTORS. This data structure behaves very differently.

## a quick note about data frames

You have just read your data in as a data frame object. check this with the str() function

```
str(dd)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 92 obs. of 2 variables:
## $ species: chr "Naso_brevirostris" "glass_fish" "Zebrasoma_scopas" "Apogon_nigrofasciatus" ...
## $ mode : chr "BCF" NA "BCF" "BCF" ...
```

*#a data frame is a collection of columns where every object within the column vector is the same data type*  
*#get the dimensions of a data frame*

```
dim(dd)
```

```
## [1] 92 2
```

```
length.dd <- dim(dd)[1] #what does this line do?
```

*#dimensions are rows, columns*

```
attributes(dd)
```

```
## $names
## [1] "species" "mode"
##
## $class
## [1] "data.frame"
##
```

```
## $row.names
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
## [26] 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
## [51] 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75
## [76] 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92
```

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## adding data to a data frame

Lets create some size data and add it to the data frame

```
#get 92 random variables
size <- runif(length(dd))

#you can add columns to an existing data frame with cbind
head(dd) #before
```

```
##               species mode
## 1      Naso_brevirostris BCF
## 2           glass_fish <NA>
## 3      Zebrasoma_scopas BCF
## 4   Apogon_nigrofasciatus BCF
## 5   Cheilodipterus_macrodon BCF
## 6 Cheilodipterus_quinque-lineatus BCF
```

```
dd<- cbind(dd, size)
head(dd) #after
```

```
##               species mode      size
## 1      Naso_brevirostris BCF 0.05908054
## 2           glass_fish <NA> 0.33892545
## 3      Zebrasoma_scopas BCF 0.48657979
## 4   Apogon_nigrofasciatus BCF 0.54941433
## 5   Cheilodipterus_macrodon BCF 0.62846143
## 6 Cheilodipterus_quinque-lineatus BCF 0.79519670
```

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## accessing data frame elements

You can use the “\$” operator to access rows and head() and tail() check a data frame

```
names(dd) #these are the names of the columns we could access
```

```
## [1] "species" "mode"      "size"
```

```
#dd$species #all the species
head(dd$species)
```

```
## [1] "Naso_brevirostris"      "glass_fish"
## [3] "Zebrasoma_scopas"      "Apogon_nigrofasciatus"
## [5] "Cheilodipterus_macrodon" "Cheilodipterus_quinque-lineatus"
```

```
tail(dd$species) # use these functions to check that data has been read into R correctly
```



```
## [1] "Pomacentrus_coelestis"      "Pomacentrus_lepidogenys"
## [3] "Pomacentrus_nagasakiensis"   "Premnas_biaculeatus"
## [5] "Stegastes_apicalis"         "Canthigaster_valentini"
#you can pull out individual columns
swimming_mode <- dd$mode
```

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## subsetting

use the [] after a data frame to access specific cells, rows, and columns

```
dd[1,1] # entry in row 1, column 1
```

```
## [1] "Naso_brevirostris"
```

```
dd[1,2] # entry in row 1, column 2
```

```
## [1] "BCF"
```

```
dd[1,3] # entry in row 1, column 3
```

```
## [1] 0.05908054
```

```
dd[1,] # row 1, all columns
```

```
##           species mode      size
## 1 Naso_brevirostris  BCF 0.05908054
```

```
dd[,2] # all rows, column 2
```

```
## [1] "BCF" NA      "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF"
## [13] "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF"
## [25] "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "BCF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF"
## [37] "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF"
## [49] "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF"
## [61] "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF"
## [73] "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF"
## [85] "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF" "MPF"
```

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## accessing by row name

Naming rows allows you to access a row by name (Note that rownames are a part of a data frame but not a separate column of the data frame)

```
head(rownames(dd))
```

```
## [1] "1" "2" "3" "4" "5" "6"
```

```
rownames(dd) <- dd$species
head(rownames(dd))
```

```
## [1] "Naso_brevirostris"      "glass_fish"
## [3] "Zebrasoma_scopas"      "Apogon_nigrofasciatus"
## [5] "Cheilodipterus_macrodon" "Cheilodipterus_quinquelineatus"
```

```
str(dd)

## 'data.frame': 92 obs. of 3 variables:
## $ species: chr "Naso_brevirostris" "glass_fish" "Zebrasoma_scopas" "Apogon_nigrofasciatus" ...
## $ mode : chr "BCF" NA "BCF" "BCF" ...
## $ size : num 0.0591 0.3389 0.4866 0.5494 0.6285 ...

# if you name the columns you can access a row by name
dd['Pomacentrus_brachialis',]

##
## Pomacentrus_brachialis Pomacentrus_brachialis MPF 0.4310697
```

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## A bit more on subsetting

```
#a bit on subsetting
dd[5:10,] # rows 5-10, all columns

##
## Cheilodipterus_macrodon Cheilodipterus_macrodon BCF 0.6284614
## Cheilodipterus_quinque-lineatus Cheilodipterus_quinque-lineatus BCF 0.7951967
## Chaetodon_aureofasciatus Chaetodon_aureofasciatus BCF 0.7203486
## Chaetodon_auriga Chaetodon_auriga BCF 0.4821063
## Chaetodon_baronessa Chaetodon_baronessa BCF 0.9985122
## Chaetodon_citrinellus Chaetodon_citrinellus BCF 0.3542065

dd[5:10,3] # rows 5-10, column 3

## [1] 0.6284614 0.7951967 0.7203486 0.4821063 0.9985122 0.3542065
```

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## which()

if we store the results of this which() function we can subset the dataframe to include only MPF swimmers

```
#if you want only the MPF swimmers, you can use the which() function
which(dd$mode == 'MPF')

## [1] 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58
## [26] 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83
## [51] 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92

mpfs <- which(dd$mode == 'MPF') #stores rows of mpf swimmers
mpf_swimmers <- dd[mpfs,] #stored this as a seperate df
head(mpf_swimmers)

##
## Acanthurus_blochii Acanthurus_blochii MPF 0.78593403
## Acanthurus_dussumieri Acanthurus_dussumieri MPF 0.93140185
## Acanthurus_lineatus Acanthurus_lineatus MPF 0.25164487
## Acanthurus_nigrofasciatus Acanthurus_nigrofasciatus MPF 0.82633123
## Acanthurus_olivaceus Acanthurus_olivaceus MPF 0.86893561
## Acanthurus_triostegus Acanthurus_triostegus MPF 0.01812155
```

## Writing data

recall that we used `read.table` to read in the original data file. R offer a number of different read commands depending on the format needed including `read.table` (space or tab separated data), `read.csv` (comma separated) and `read.csv2` (semi-colon separated). For writing data there are `writetable`, `write.csv` and `write.csv2` functions. R by default will attach quotes around variable names and will also write out the row names/numbers. If you do not want your file to look like that you can change the write arguments.

```
write.table(mpf_swimmers, "mpfs_r_default.csv") # space separator, quotes, row names
write.csv(mpf_swimmers, "mpfs_r_better_format.csv", quote = F, row.names = F) # comma separated, no quo
```

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## R Challenge

How would you make dataframe with all of the big (size > 0.9) species only?

```
head(dd)

##               species mode      size
## Naso_brevirostris Naso_brevirostris BCF 0.05908054
## glass_fish        glass_fish <NA> 0.33892545
## Zebrasoma_scopas  Zebrasoma_scopas BCF 0.48657979
## Apogon_nigrofasciatus Apogon_nigrofasciatus BCF 0.54941433
## Cheilodipterus_macrodon Cheilodipterus_macrodon BCF 0.62846143
## Cheilodipterus_quinquelineatus Cheilodipterus_quinquelineatus BCF 0.79519670

which(dd$size > 0.9) #shows us rows with large fish in them

## [1]  9 31 33 35 44 57 73 89
```

---

## R challenge

make a new data frame with large species only

hints

- use the `which()` function to select only rows of some size or greater
- the `$` operator lets you specify columns from a data frame
- you can subset a data frame by specifying a list of row names within the square brackets []

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## one solution

```
big.fish <- dd[which(dd$size > 0.9),] #remember the , after the which command says "select all columns"
head(big.fish)

##               species mode      size
## Chaetodon_baronessa Chaetodon_baronessa BCF 0.9985122
## Siganus_doliatus    Siganus_doliatus    BCF 0.9899701
## Siganus_vulpinus    Siganus_vulpinus    BCF 0.9692997
```

```
## Acanthurus_dussumieri          Acanthurus_dussumieri  MPF 0.9314019
## Bodianus_mesothorax           Bodianus_mesothorax   MPF 0.9999017
## Macropharyngodon_negrosensis Macropharyngodon_negrosensis MPF 0.9367839
```

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## checking for NAs

Sometimes your data frame will include missing values. Often you will want to exclude these rows from the analysis. There are several ways to do this.

```
#ways to check for NAs
head(dd) # there are NAs in the data
```

```
##                               species mode      size
## Naso_brevirostris             Naso_brevirostris  BCF 0.05908054
## glass_fish                    glass_fish <NA> 0.33892545
## Zebrasoma_scopas              Zebrasoma_scopas  BCF 0.48657979
## Apogon_nigrofasciatus         Apogon_nigrofasciatus BCF 0.54941433
## Cheilodipterus_macrodon       Cheilodipterus_macrodon BCF 0.62846143
## Cheilodipterus_quinqueleatus Cheilodipterus_quinqueleatus BCF 0.79519670
```

```
head(is.na(dd))
```

```
##                               species mode size
## Naso_brevirostris             FALSE FALSE FALSE
## glass_fish                    FALSE  TRUE FALSE
## Zebrasoma_scopas              FALSE FALSE FALSE
## Apogon_nigrofasciatus         FALSE FALSE FALSE
## Cheilodipterus_macrodon       FALSE FALSE FALSE
## Cheilodipterus_quinqueleatus  FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

```
which(is.na(dd$mode)) #item 2
```

```
## [1] 2
```

```
complete.cases(dd)
```

```
## [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
## [13] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
## [25] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
## [37] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
## [49] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
## [61] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
## [73] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
## [85] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

In each case notice that the record for `glass_fish` has an NA for swimming mode.

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## removing NAs

We can remove these missing cases in a variety of ways.

```
#one way to get only complete cases
cleaned_1 <- dd[complete.cases(dd),]
#another
```

```
cleaned_2 <- na.omit(dd)

dd <- cleaned_1
```

Note that we have reassigned the cleaned data set to `dd` so that `dd` only includes the complete cases.

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## Renaming data frame entries and matching data objects

The following example demonstrates how to manipulate data frames from different sources to find elements in common. We will not go through this example in class this year due to constraints on time. However I am including it as a optional exercise to work through for those of you who might find it useful.

You will often need to find common elements between two data sets before you can do an analysis of the data. In our example we have a phylogeny that is taken from one study and a data set on swimming mode that is taken from another. Problems:

- tree huge
- data may not match species in tree

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### `setdiff()`

`setdiff()` is a useful tool. `setdiff()` compares two lists and returns the items in the first list that are not present in the second list. Also see `intersect()`, `union()`, and `setdiff()`.

```
setdiff(dd$species, tt$tip.label)

## [1] "Apogon_nigrofasciatus"      "Cheilodipterus_quinquelineatus"
## [3] "Chaetodon_lunulatus"       "Chaetodon_plebicus"
## [5] "Chaetodon_rainfordii"      "Heniochus_singularis"
## [7] "Amblygobius_decussatus"    "Scolopsis_bilineatus"
## [9] "Acanthurus_lineatus"       "Sufflamen_chrysopterus"
## [11] "Cheilinus_chlorurus"       "Cirrhilabrus_punctatus"
## [13] "Oxycheilinus_digrammus"    "Pseudocheilinus_hexataenia"
## [15] "Thalassoma_janseni"        "Chrysiptera_brownriggi"
## [17] "Neoglyphidodon_melas?"
```

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## Changing one field in a record

OK, it looks like there are 18 species in the swimming data set that don't match the tree. Some of these mismatches are due to spelling errors or taxonomic inconsistency between the two data sets. Here is one way we could correct a name.

```
dd$species[which(dd$species == 'Chaetodon_plebicus')] <- 'Chaetodon_plebeius' #taxonomic inconsistency
```

## matching rest of data to tree

```
del_from_data <- setdiff(dd$species, tt$tip.label)
# tips with data not in tree
del_from_data

## [1] "Apogon_nigrofasciatus"      "Cheilodipterus_quinquelineatus"
## [3] "Chaetodon_lunulatus"       "Chaetodon_rainfordii"
## [5] "Heniochus_singularis"      "Amblygobius_decussatus"
## [7] "Scolopsis_bilineatus"      "Acanthurus_lineatus"
## [9] "Sufflamen_chrysopterus"     "Cheilinus_chlorurus"
## [11] "Cirrhilabrus_punctatus"    "Oxycheilinus_digrammus"
## [13] "Pseudocheilinus_hexataenia" "Thalassoma_janseni"
## [15] "Chrysiptera_brownriggi"     "Neoglyphidodon_melas?"

#keep all species in data file except those that match the del_from_data
pruned_data <- dd[!(dd$species %in% del_from_data),]

setdiff(pruned_data$species, tt$tip.label) # this should produce "character(0)" if empty.

## character(0)
```

---

## matching tree to data

Now we've pruned the data set. How can figure out what tips of the tree to prune? `setdiff()` again, but this time switching the order of the arguments

```
not.in.dd <-setdiff(tt$tip.label, pruned_data$species )
length(not.in.dd) #this will be a large number because the tree has so many tips!

## [1] 7888

head(not.in.dd)
```

```
## [1] "Polyodon_spathula"      "Psephurus_gladus"
## [3] "Scaphirhynchus_albus"   "Scaphirhynchus_platorynchus"
## [5] "Scaphirhynchus_suttkusi" "Huso_huso"
```

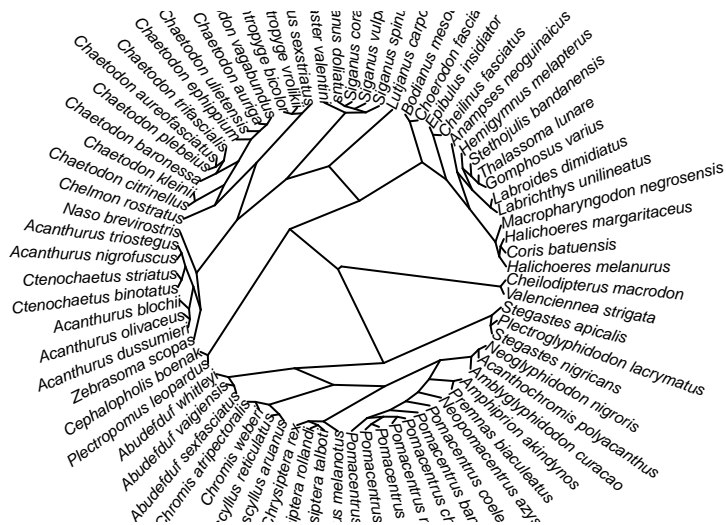
---

Now we will use the `drop.tip()` function from `ape` to any tip that is in `not.in.dd`. `drop.tip()` needs a tree and a list of taxa to be dropped as arguments and returns a pruned tree. Use the help function to verify this.

```
pruned.tree <- drop.tip(tt, not.in.dd)
setdiff(pruned.tree$tip.label, pruned_data$species) #should be "character 0" if these objects match

## character(0)

plot(pruned.tree, type = "radial", cex = 0.5)
```



We now have a tree and matching data set. You can use `setdiff()` and `match()` as shown above to compare your own data files and prune them as needed.

## Introduction to control statements

Control statements order operations

- **for** each line in a text file
  - capitalize the first word
- **while** the number of simulations is less than 100:
  - perform new simulation
- **if** the sample is from Cuba, Hispaniola, or Jamaica:
  - assign sample to “island”
- **else**
  -

assign sample as mainland

## More help with data manipulation in R

We have only scratched the surface in exploring the power of R to wrangle data. For more practice and guided tutorials on R data fundamentals check out the Software Carpentry site [here](#). In addition there is a popular and powerful set of tools for working with data wrapped up in a set of packages called the tidyverse. This is my preferred way for working with data now. If you want to learn the tidyverse tools you can start at this [UCLA tidyverse course site](#) and [here](#) and [here](#). Please also let me know if you find sites that are especailly helpful and I will share them with the class.

## Common control statements

**for** statements perform an action over a range **\*\*for** (some range) {do something}

```
for (ii in 1:5){
  cat("\nthe number is ", ii)
}
```

```
##
## the number is 1
## the number is 2
## the number is 3
## the number is 4
## the number is 5
```

---

## more about for

You can also loop over all items in a vector

```
notfish <- c("bat", "dolphin", "toad", "soldier")

for(animal in notfish){
  cat(animal, "fish\n", sep="")
}
```

```
## batfish
## dolphinfish
## toadfish
## soldierfish
```

**while** loops keeps running until the conditional part of the expression fails. At this point, the loop is terminated.

```
thesis_idea_sucks <- True #initialize ideas to suck

while(thesis_idea_sucks){
  current_idea <- get_New_Thesis_Idea();
}


```

When a good idea is returned, the program breaks out of the loop.

## if

**if** statements allow your code to diverge depending on conditions

IF (condition is true) {do something}

```
if (xx == 'a') doSomething1;
if (xx == 'b') doSomething2;
if (xx=='c') doSomething3;
```

## else if

Use **else if** with **if** and **else** when you have multiple conditions

```
if (x == 'a'){
  doSomething1;
}
else if (x == 'b'){
```



```

        doSomething2;
    }...
    else if (x == 'z'){
        doSomething26;
    }
    else{
        cat('x != a letter\n')
    }

```

---

## Pseudocode

Pseudocode is an informal way to plan out the structure and flow of your program.

- don't worry about syntax of a particular language
  - **do** think about variables and control structure
  - Pseudocode can be translated across many languages easily
- 

## Pseudocode example

Write a script that prints a number and its square over a given range on integers and then sums them.

```

# set lower and upper range values
# set squaresum to 0

# loop over the range and for each value print
  # currentvalue and the currentvalue^2
  # add currentvalue^2 to squaresum
# print "here is the sum of it all"m squaresum

```

Try this now!

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## one solution

```

lower = 1; upper = 5; squaresum = 0

for (ii in lower:upper){
    cat(ii, ii^2, "\n")
    squaresum <- squaresum + ii^2
}

## 1 1
## 2 4
## 3 9
## 4 16
## 5 25

cat("the sum of it all is ", squaresum)

```

```
## the sum of it all is 55
```

---

## functions

A function is a self-contained bit of code that performs a task. It might sum a set of numbers, run a simulation, or print your name backwards 500 times.

Functions are useful because

- they make code modular
  - they make code reusable
  - they isolate code from unintended consequences (**scope**)
- 

## how functions work

Usually functions...

- take one or more arguments
  - perform some operations
  - return something
- 

```
doubler <- function(num){  
  ## this function takes a number and doubles it  
  doubled = 2 * num  
  cat("witness the awesome power of the doubler\n")  
  cat("I changed ", num, " to ", doubled, "\n")  
  cat("you're welcome!\n")  
  return(doubled)  
}  
  
for (ii in 1:100){  
  doubled <- doubler(ii)  
  cat(doubled, "\n")  
}
```

```
## witness the awesome power of the doubler  
## I changed 1 to 2  
## you're welcome!  
## 2  
## witness the awesome power of the doubler  
## I changed 2 to 4  
## you're welcome!  
## 4  
## witness the awesome power of the doubler  
## I changed 3 to 6  
## you're welcome!
```

```
## 6
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 4 to 8
## you're welcome!
## 8
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 5 to 10
## you're welcome!
## 10
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 6 to 12
## you're welcome!
## 12
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 7 to 14
## you're welcome!
## 14
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 8 to 16
## you're welcome!
## 16
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 9 to 18
## you're welcome!
## 18
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 10 to 20
## you're welcome!
## 20
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 11 to 22
## you're welcome!
## 22
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 12 to 24
## you're welcome!
## 24
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 13 to 26
## you're welcome!
## 26
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 14 to 28
## you're welcome!
## 28
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 15 to 30
## you're welcome!
## 30
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 16 to 32
## you're welcome!
## 32
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
```

```
## I changed 17 to 34
## you're welcome!
## 34
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 18 to 36
## you're welcome!
## 36
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 19 to 38
## you're welcome!
## 38
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 20 to 40
## you're welcome!
## 40
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 21 to 42
## you're welcome!
## 42
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 22 to 44
## you're welcome!
## 44
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 23 to 46
## you're welcome!
## 46
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 24 to 48
## you're welcome!
## 48
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 25 to 50
## you're welcome!
## 50
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 26 to 52
## you're welcome!
## 52
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 27 to 54
## you're welcome!
## 54
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 28 to 56
## you're welcome!
## 56
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 29 to 58
## you're welcome!
## 58
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 30 to 60
## you're welcome!
```

```
## 60
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 31 to 62
## you're welcome!
## 62
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 32 to 64
## you're welcome!
## 64
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 33 to 66
## you're welcome!
## 66
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 34 to 68
## you're welcome!
## 68
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 35 to 70
## you're welcome!
## 70
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 36 to 72
## you're welcome!
## 72
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 37 to 74
## you're welcome!
## 74
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 38 to 76
## you're welcome!
## 76
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 39 to 78
## you're welcome!
## 78
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 40 to 80
## you're welcome!
## 80
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 41 to 82
## you're welcome!
## 82
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 42 to 84
## you're welcome!
## 84
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 43 to 86
## you're welcome!
## 86
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
```

```
## I changed 44 to 88
## you're welcome!
## 88
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 45 to 90
## you're welcome!
## 90
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 46 to 92
## you're welcome!
## 92
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 47 to 94
## you're welcome!
## 94
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 48 to 96
## you're welcome!
## 96
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 49 to 98
## you're welcome!
## 98
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 50 to 100
## you're welcome!
## 100
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 51 to 102
## you're welcome!
## 102
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 52 to 104
## you're welcome!
## 104
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 53 to 106
## you're welcome!
## 106
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 54 to 108
## you're welcome!
## 108
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 55 to 110
## you're welcome!
## 110
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 56 to 112
## you're welcome!
## 112
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 57 to 114
## you're welcome!
```

```
## 114
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 58 to 116
## you're welcome!
## 116
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 59 to 118
## you're welcome!
## 118
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 60 to 120
## you're welcome!
## 120
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 61 to 122
## you're welcome!
## 122
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 62 to 124
## you're welcome!
## 124
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 63 to 126
## you're welcome!
## 126
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 64 to 128
## you're welcome!
## 128
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 65 to 130
## you're welcome!
## 130
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 66 to 132
## you're welcome!
## 132
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 67 to 134
## you're welcome!
## 134
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 68 to 136
## you're welcome!
## 136
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 69 to 138
## you're welcome!
## 138
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 70 to 140
## you're welcome!
## 140
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
```

```
## I changed 71 to 142
## you're welcome!
## 142
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 72 to 144
## you're welcome!
## 144
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 73 to 146
## you're welcome!
## 146
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 74 to 148
## you're welcome!
## 148
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 75 to 150
## you're welcome!
## 150
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 76 to 152
## you're welcome!
## 152
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 77 to 154
## you're welcome!
## 154
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 78 to 156
## you're welcome!
## 156
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 79 to 158
## you're welcome!
## 158
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 80 to 160
## you're welcome!
## 160
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 81 to 162
## you're welcome!
## 162
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 82 to 164
## you're welcome!
## 164
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 83 to 166
## you're welcome!
## 166
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 84 to 168
## you're welcome!
```



```
## 168
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 85 to 170
## you're welcome!
## 170
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 86 to 172
## you're welcome!
## 172
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 87 to 174
## you're welcome!
## 174
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 88 to 176
## you're welcome!
## 176
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 89 to 178
## you're welcome!
## 178
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 90 to 180
## you're welcome!
## 180
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 91 to 182
## you're welcome!
## 182
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 92 to 184
## you're welcome!
## 184
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 93 to 186
## you're welcome!
## 186
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 94 to 188
## you're welcome!
## 188
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 95 to 190
## you're welcome!
## 190
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 96 to 192
## you're welcome!
## 192
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 97 to 194
## you're welcome!
## 194
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
```

```
## I changed 98 to 196
## you're welcome!
## 196
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 99 to 198
## you're welcome!
## 198
## witness the awesome power of the doubler
## I changed 100 to 200
## you're welcome!
## 200
```

---

## functions don't need to return anything

```
takeNoArguments <- function() {
  cat('this function takes no arguments\n'); cat('it also\n');
  cat('returns nothing\n');
  cat('you never get something for nothing.\n')
}
takeNoArguments()
```

```
## this function takes no arguments
## it also
## returns nothing
## you never get something for nothing.
```

---

## creating functions

To define a function, you use the function keyword like this:

```
myFunction <- function(arg1, arg2)
```

This says that you want you create a function named 'myFunction' which takes two arguments, arg1 and arg2. Below this line, you enclose the statements belonging to the function in curly braces:

```
{
  cat('this is my function');
  cat('dont mess with it');
}
```

---

## using functions

Once you have defined your function, it is part of your workspace. Until you remove it, you can use it. Enter the following function:

```
greeter <- function(name) {
  cat('Hello, ', name, '\n');
}
```

greeter() takes the variable **name** as an argument and performs the greeting.

- what happens if you fail to supply argument name?
  - what happens if you just type the name of the function without any parentheses?
- 

## Further function help

Of course there are a large number of web resources to help you learn various aspects of R programming. I like the Software Carpentry site here. Please send me other sites you find useful and I can share them with the class.