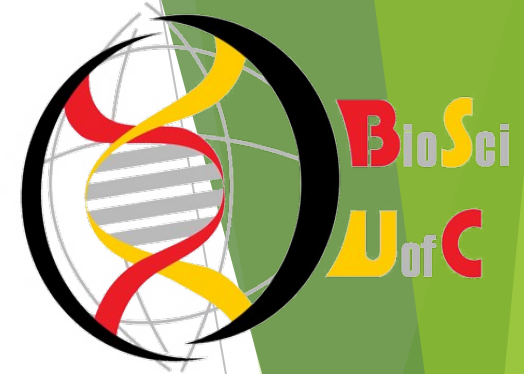




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# Introduction to programming in R/RStudio

```
11 two_lake <- two_lake[,c(1,3,4,6,7,9,11)]
12 grs <- NULL
13 y=0
14 for(i in unique(two_lake$Waterbody.ID))
15 {
16   temp=subset(two_lake,two_lake$Waterbody.ID==i)
17   for(j in unique(temp$Method))
18   {
19     gear=subset(temp,temp$Method==j)
20     if(length(gear$OT1)>0)
21     {
22       y=y+1
23     }
24     ifelse(y==1,new.dat<-gear,new.dat<-rbind(new.dat,gear))
25   }
26   grs=append(grs,as.numeric(factor(new.dat$Method[new.dat$Waterbody.ID==i]))+ifelse(length(grs)==0,0,max(grs,na.rm=T)),after=length(grs))
27 }
28 two_lake <- new.dat
29 two_lake$Grs_Lake <- grs
30
31
```

42:43 (Top Level) R Script

**Disclaim:**

**This is NOT a statistics  
course...**

**We apologize if we disappointed  
you...**

## **Communication channels:**

Slack (preferred) or email

## **Office hours:**

Mondays 15:00 – 17:00.

Room TBD

# Learning to code

- Coding can be fun
  - Treat it as a game
  - Many ways to solve the same problem
  - R can be run line-by-line; play around!
- Coding is an investment
  - May be slow at first but easy to repeat and modify.
  - Add a valuable set of skills to your C.V.
  - Fastest growing job market

**Remember: You're learning a new language!**

# “R is becoming the “lingua franca” of data science” (R-Bloggers)

- R, a dialect of S/S+, is widely used for advanced statistics/plotting in data science/analytics.
- Codes can be recycled (“the best bioinformatician is the laziest one”).
- Hundreds of books and (many are open source!) with examples and available data sets.
- Several free courses (edx, coursera, Code School, Code Academy, DataCamp, among others).

- Helpful websites: The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN), Stack Overflow, R-Bloggers, discussion blogs, among others.
- Need more motivation to start using R?

**It's open source = free!**

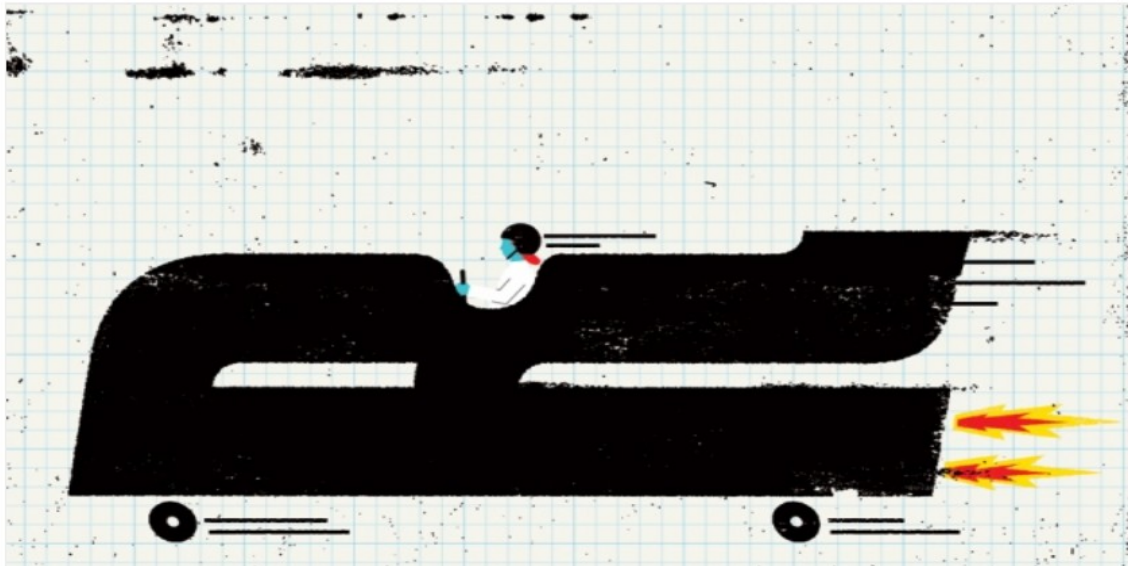


## Programming tools: Adventures with R

A guide to the popular, free statistics and visualization software that gives scientists control of their own data analysis.

**Sylvia Tippmann**

29 December 2014 | Clarified: 13 February 2015

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# **R or a spreadsheet software? Actually, both!**

## **When to use Excel-like packages:**

- When you have something that needs nice, quick presentation.
- Inputting data is easier in Excel than in R.
- When you have quick and “dirty” number crunching to do: Handful of descriptive stats, you need to look something up, run a quick sort/filter, etc.

# When to use R

- Heavy data management.
- Complex, robust statistical analyses.
- When you need serious statistical capabilities.
- When reproducibility is needed, e.g. for publication purposes
  - “Talk is cheap. Show me the code.”, Linus Torvalds)
- Building a code for repetitive tasks that you routinely perform (automation saves a lot of time).

**“If you are using R and you think you're in hell, this is a map for you” (Patrick Burns, The R Inferno)**

Recommended articles:

<http://www.r-bloggers.com/why-you-should-learn-r-first-for-data-science/>

<http://www.nature.com/news/programming-tools-adventures-with-r-1.16609>

# The R User Interface

“R gives you a language to speak in. RStudio gives you a way to talk to your computer” (RStudio team)

Although R can be ran from a terminal, integrated development environments (IDE) like RStudio offer a Graphic User Interface (GUI) that simplifies the visualization of the coding.

# Using R from a terminal

oscar@oscar[oscar] R

[11:02AM]

R version 3.4.2 (2017-09-28) -- "Short Summer"  
Copyright (C) 2017 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)

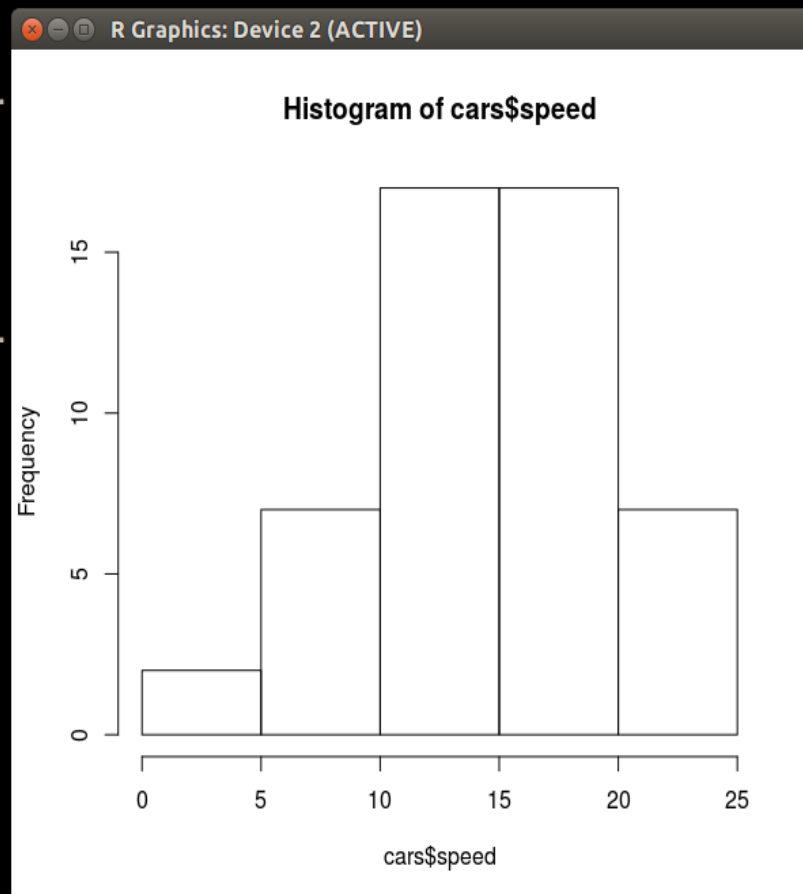
R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.  
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.  
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

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.

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



# RStudio (IDE)

The screenshot displays the RStudio IDE interface with three main components highlighted by red boxes:

- R Script:** The editor window shows R code for installing packages, setting working directories, reading CSV files, and performing linear regressions using the `apply` function.
- R Environment/History:** The Environment pane lists objects in the Global Environment, including `Fresh_plot`, `headspace`, `intercept`, `methane`, `methane_umoles`, `raw_area`, `raw_standards`, and `slope`. The History pane shows the execution of the script.
- R Console:** The console window shows the output of the R script, including the creation of the `Fresh_plot` data frame and the execution of the `ggplot2` commands.

The bottom right corner of the image features the RStudio logo, which consists of a blue circle with a white 'R' and the word 'Studio' in blue text.

# Types of data

**Numeric:** Can be either continuous or count data

**Character:** Study site is: “Alberta” v. “British Columbia”

Genetic data stored as basepairs:

“GATTACA” vs. “CTGCCAC”

**Factors:** Special way to store character data with a ‘numeric’ rank: “Alberta” v. “British Columbia”

- Computer interprets “Alberta” as 1, “British Columbia” as 2

# Types of objects in R

**Vector** – a sequence of at least one stored value(s):

**Matrix** – 2-d form of a vector that can be indexed by rows and columns; data must be of the same type

**Data Frame** – like a matrix, but rows/columns can vary in type; character and numeric data allowed

**Array** – N-dimensional form of a vector that can be indexed by rows, columns, depth, etc.

**List** – form of a vector in which elements need not be of the same type; elements can be vectors, matrices, arrays, or lists themselves



All data is either numeric or character

**Hence:**

- Methods you learn to deal with numeric data in R will be the same regardless of the field
  - Physiology, biochemical, genetic, or ecological data
- Methods you learn to deal with character data will be the same across all character data
- Programming languages have similarities
  - C++, ADMB, R, S, SAS, etc.

# Vectors

Vectors can be thought of as contiguous cells containing data.

R has six basic ('atomic') vector types: Logical, integer, double (often called numeric), and character.

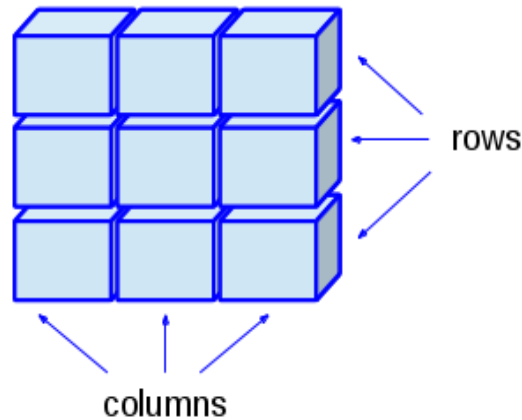
There are two other "rare" types: complex and raw.

# Data structures

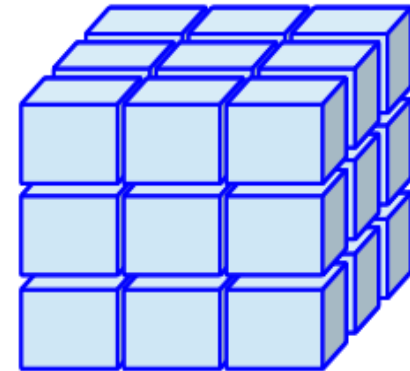
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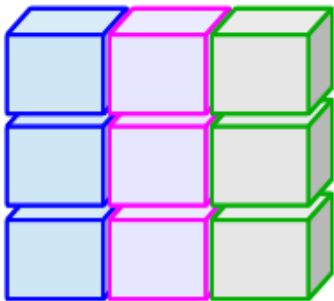
Matrix



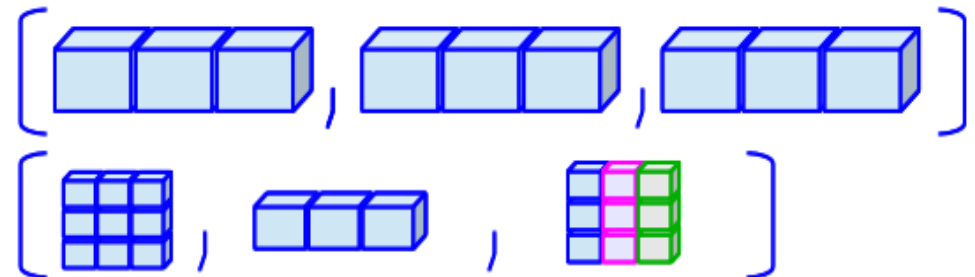
Array



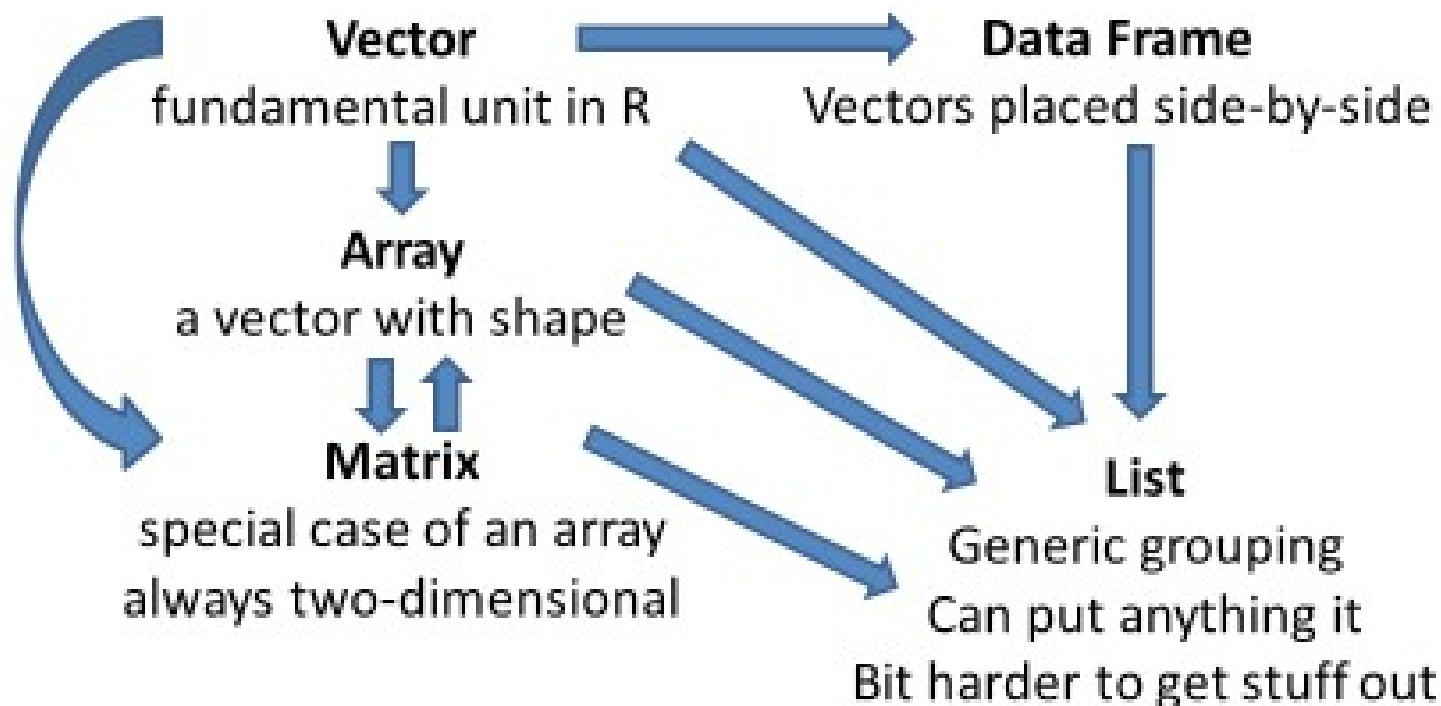
Data Frame  
(Table)



Lists



# Types of objects



# R data Types

R has a wide variety of data types including:

- Scalars (a single number)
- Vectors (numerical, character, logical)
- Matrices
- Arrays
- Data frames
- Lists
- S4

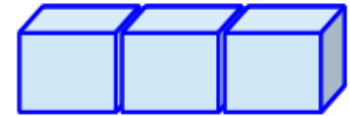
# Scalars and Vectors

## ► Scalar:

```
X <- 5
```

```
b <- 10
```

Vector



Vectors (numerical, character, logical):

```
a <- c(1,2,5.3,6,-2,4) # numeric vector
```

```
b <- c("one","two","three") # character vector
```

```
c <- c(TRUE,TRUE,TRUE,FALSE,TRUE,FALSE)
```

# Matrices

All columns in a matrix must have the same mode (numeric, character, etc.) and the same length.

Generates 5 x 4 numeric matrix :  
`y <- matrix(1:20, nrow = 5, ncol = 4)`

Another example

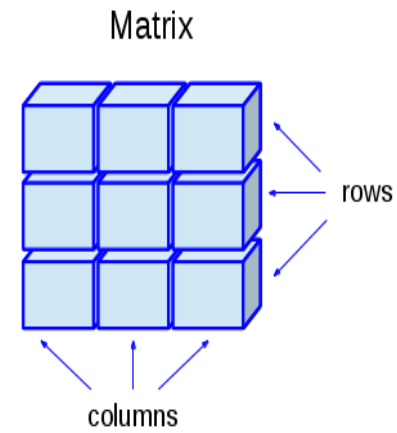
```
cells <- c(1, 26, 24, 68)
```

```
rnames <- c("R1", "R2")
```

```
cnames <- c("C1", "C2")
```

```
mymatrix <- matrix(cells, nrow = 2, ncol = 2,
```

```
byrow = T, dimnames=list(rnames, cnames))
```



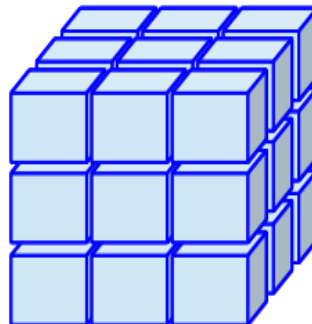
# Arrays

An **n-dimensional array** is a set of stacked matrices of identical dimensions

`a <- matrix(8, 2, 3)` # Creates a 2 x 3 matrix populated with 8's.

`b <- matrix(9, 2, 3)` # Creates a 2 x 3 matrix populated with 9's.

Array





# Data Frames

A data frame is more general than a matrix, in that columns can have different modes (numeric, character, factor, etc.).

```
d <- c(1,2,3,4)
```

```
e <- c("red", "white", "red", NA)
```

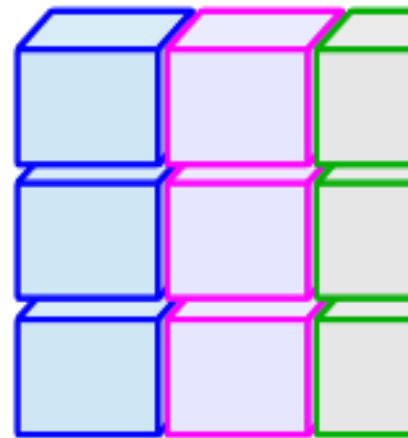
```
f <- c(TRUE,TRUE,TRUE,FALSE)
```

```
mydata <- data.frame(d,e,f)
```

```
>      d      e      f
1     red  TRUE
2  white  TRUE
3     red  TRUE
4  <NA> FALSE
```

d  
(numeric)

Data Frame  
(Table)



# Lists

- An ordered collection of objects (components). A list allows you to gather a variety of (possibly unrelated) objects under one name.

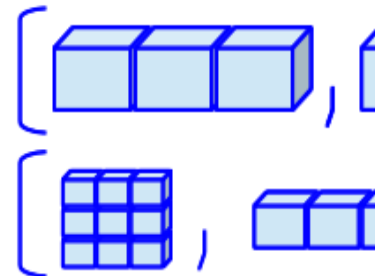
Example of a list with 4 components -a string, a numeric vector, a matrix, and a scalar:

```
w <- list(name = "Fred", mynumbers = a, mymatrix = y, 5.3)
```

Example of a list containing two lists

```
v <- c(list1, list2)
```

Lists



# S4 Objects

- Similar to a vector, except it has slots that can have different types of variables (character, numeric, etc.)
- Little more work to set up than other data types.

Example:

```
setClass("fieldsite", slots=list(name="character",  
size="numeric", species="integer"))
```

```
s <- new("fieldsite", name="lakeawesome",  
size=3.14, species=9L)
```

For more information and replicable examples go to:

► <http://www.statmethods.net/input/datatypes.html>

“R in Action” by Robert I. Kabacoff