#### Question 1

The methods we used for each function are represented below.

• k: Iterate over all pairs of sequences in the dataset and count the number of differences between them. Sum up the differences for all pairs and calculate the average.

```
3 #function to calculate k
4 - calculateK <- function(data) {</pre>
    n=length(data)
6
    ksum=0
    for (i in 1:(n-1)) {
7 -
     for (j in (i+1):n) {
8 +
       kSum=kSum + sum(data[[i]] != data[[j]])
9
10 -
11 -
    k_{-} = kSum / (n * (n - 1) / 2)
12
13
    return(k_)
14 - }
```

• w: Calculate the number of polymorphic positions (S) in the dataset. Divide S by the value of a1, where a1 is the sum of the reciprocal of integers from 1 to n-1.

```
#function to calculate W
try calculatew <- function(data) {
    n=length(data)
    s=length(data[[1]])
    al=sum(1 / (1:(n-1)))

w_=s / al
    return(w_)

24  }</pre>
```

• Tajima's D: Calculate the difference between the average number of pairwise differences (k) and the number of segregating sites (S), divided by the square root of the variance of k.

```
26 #function to calculate D
27 - calculateD <- function(data) {
       n=length(data)
28
29
       S=length(data[[1]])
30
31
       k=calculateK(data)
32
       w=calculatew(data)
33
       \begin{array}{l} a1 = sum(1 \ / \ (1:n)) \\ a2 = sum(1 \ / \ (1:n) \land 2) \\ b1 = (n \ + \ 1) \ / \ (3 \ * \ (n \ - \ 1)) \\ b2 = 2 \ * \ (n \land 2 \ + \ n \ + \ 3) \ / \ (9 \ * \ n \ * \ (n \ - \ 1)) \\ \end{array} 
34
35
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37
       c1=b1 - 1 / a1
38
       c2=b2-(n+2)/(a1*n)+a2/a1^2
39
       e1=c1 / a1

e2=c2 / (a1^2 + a2)
40
41
42
43
       d_{=}(k-w) / sqrt(e1 * S + e2 * S * (S - 1))
44
       return(d_)
45 ^ }
46
```

#### Question 2

Firstly, we need to read the files. We used the following methods:

• For the observed dataset:

Read the file line by line.

Split each line into individual values and convert them to numeric format.

Store the values as a list, where each element represents a genome.

• For the simulated dataset:

Read the file line by line.

Each block of lines separated by two new lines represents a simulated dataset.

Within each block, split the lines into individual values and convert them to numeric format.

Store the values as a list of lists, where each element represents a simulated dataset.

```
simulated_datasett= readLines("ms_sim_final.out")
counter=1
k=1
temp_list = list()
simulated_datasets=vector("list", 10000)
76
77 for (line in simulated_datasett) {
78 if (line != "") {
79 # store the vector data in temps
          # store the vector data in temp list
           vector_data = as.numeric(strsplit(line, "")[[1]])
80
81
           temp_list[[k]] = vector_data
82
           k=k+1
83
        } else if (!is.null(temp_list)) {
84 -
85
           sK[counter]=calculateK(temp_list)
           sw[counter]=calculatew(temp_list)
86
87
           sD[counter]=calculateD(temp_list)
88
           simulated_datasets[[counter]]=temp_list
89
90
           counter=counter+1
91
           temp_list=list()
92
           k=1
93 -
        }
94 - }
```

The results we got are:

• For the observed dataset:

```
> oK=calculateK(observed_list)
> oK
[1] 14.28245
> oW=calculateW(observed_list)
> oW
[1] 29.46951
> oD=calculateD(observed_list)
> oD
[1] -1.848967
```

For the simulated dataset:(indicatively)

#### **Question 3**

In order to calculate the mean and standard deviation of each vector we used the mean() and sd() functions and normalized each value in the vectors by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation.

```
104
   #normalising the simulated vectors
105
   normK=(sK - mean(sK)) / sd(sK)
106
   normK
107
   normW=(sW - mean(sW)) / sd(sW)
108
   normW
109
   normD=(sD - mean(sD)) / sd(sD)
110
   normD
111
112
   #normalising the observed vectors
   o_normK=(oK - mean(sK)) / sd(sK)
   o_normK
115
   o_normW=(oW - mean(sW)) / sd(sW)
116
   o_normW
117
   o_normD=(oD - mean(sD)) / sd(sD)
   o_normD
```

The results we got are:

For the observed dataset:

```
> o_normK
[1] 0.4042545
> o_normW=(oW - mean(sW)) / sd(sW)
> o_normW
[1] 0.2889392
> o_normD=(oD - mean(sD)) / sd(sD)
> o_normD
[1] 0.9129174
```

For the simulated dataset:(indicatively)

```
> normK
[1] 0.201382239 0.499322984 -0.771198238 -0.649541893 -0.791641866 -0.424326841 -0.792870718
   [8]
        0.215681607
                       -0.569666515
                                      0.296338982 -0.512133900
                                                                     1.347342557 -0.457394131 -0.588993005
        0.939922272 \ -0.690317436 \ -0.932066132 \ -0.044164728 \ -0.495488542 \ -0.173976181
                                                                                                    1.205466011
                                      1.669525201 -0.318533858
                                                                     -0.551345449 -0.713107054
        0.761627023
                       2.582450500
                                                                                                   -0.487110006
  Γ221
  [29] -0.832082267 -0.216539145
                                      -0.866825264 -0.885369757
                                                                    -0.980996783 -0.316187868
  0.168761805
                                                                                                   -0.139568326
  50] -0.757569153 1.245682985 0.429166708 -0.726400998 -0.673225222 -0.905589958 -0.665070113
   [1] 0.049702372 0.178522206 -0.778425128 -0.668008128 -0.907244962 -0.520785461 -1.017661962
        0.196925039 -0.575993961 0.178522206 -0.668008128 1.650748873 -0.575993961 -0.594396795
   [8]
        1.153872373 -0.649605295 -0.980856295 -0.226340128 -0.355159961
 [22] 1.043455373 2.423667874 1.889985707 -0.355159961 -0.391965628 -0.778425128 -0.465576961 [29] -0.796827962 -0.410368461 -0.723216628 -0.962453462 -0.944050628 0.012896706 -0.796827962
        [36] -0.355159961 0.822621373
  Γ431
                                                                                                    0 196925039
  [50] -0.336757128 1.632346040 0.822621373 -0.520785461 -0.723216628 -0.815230795 -0.944050628
   [1]
        0.8915124550 1.5887615594 -0.8825150943 -0.5800977455 -0.4886832343 0.0852313008 0.0363166053
       0.5068869548 -0.4739927805 0.8517203610 0.1948523838 0.5089748622

0.4553594588 -0.8741205357 -1.1390557468 0.8101069455 -0.8129800529

0.2075620624 1.6924286033 0.7961822469 0.0155815058 -0.9700309745
                                                                                    0.1232749599
                                                                                                   -0.5122697929
                                                      0.8101069455 -0.8129800529 -0.4553942847
                                                                                                    1 2620533433
                                                                                    -0.5294055632
                                                                                                    -0.4278052531
  [29] -1.1876419133
                       0.6999131750 -1.6410438928 -0.8882356780 -1.6242234473 -1.0104427386
0.6767148745 0.7390908733 -0.5024572829 1.3542223625 -1.1039765447
                                                                                                   0.1642349380
                       0.6767148745 0.7390908733 -0.5024572829 1.3542223625
0.3970074896 -1.5578429986 -0.2226054629 0.4082897638
  [36] -1.1189829013
                                                                                                   -0.1720323596
       1.6603919788
                       0.3970074896 -1.5578429986 -0.2226054629 0.4082897638 1.6021139651 -0.7731272612 0.3121796198 -0.2734343619 -1.4688479993 -0.5083024544 -1.5796723525 0.5499107463
```

#### Question 4

In this query, we calculated the Euclidean distances between the observed dataset and each simulated dataset and store d everything in distances vector.

## Question 5

Here we needed to sort the distance\_values vector in ascending order and extract the first 500 distances and record their indexes.

## Question 6

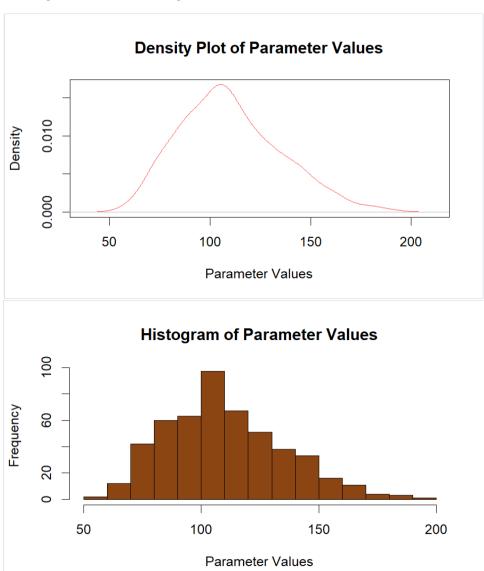
By using the indexes from Q5, we read the corresponding parameter values from "pars\_final.txt".

# Question 7

We used simple R functins to calculate the mean and median of the 500 parameter values.

## Question 8

Running the code above, we get:



## Question 9

Looking at the results, we observe a bell shaped histogram. A bell-shaped distribution suggests that the distances follow a normal distribution, with a concentration of values around the mean. Most of the values are concetrated around 110. A mean value of 110 implies a significant increase in the number of infections over a year. It indicates that the number of new infections is significantly larger than the number of recoveries or deaths, leading to a rapid expansion of the SARS-CoV-2 population. Moreover, it should be noted that since the mean value is close to the median value of 106, it indicates that the majority of the simulated datasets are within a reasonable distance from the observed dataset. By comparing the observed growth rate in the simulated datasets with historical data and established knowledge about viral dynamics, we can see a consistent pattern. The high mean growth rate in the simulated datasets aligns with what we have observed in the real world during the COVID-19 pandemic.