Converting a MS <u>excel</u> spreadsheet to <u>.csv</u>

.csv stands for **c**omma **s**eparated **v**alues







General specification of .csv

Header: Usually first line

Rows: separated by line breaks "\n" (enter)

Columns: separated by commas ","

However in this case we used semi colons ";" because of the decimal values.

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Heads up: This is just a plain text format with some general rules for structure.

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-$ cat root length-2.csv
;line;length(cm)-1;length(cm)-2;length(cm)-3;Lat roots
1;Col-0;5,968;5,941;5,912;10
2;Col-0;5,334;5,266;5,271;5
3;Col-0;4,553;4,566;4,638;5
4;Col-0;5,144;5,196;5,153;6
5;Col-0;5,439;5,482;5,346;7
6;Col-0;5,843;5,918;5,864;11
7;Col-0;6,252;6,298;6,165;13
8;Col-0;3,818;3,788;3,765;4
9;Col-0;4,388;4,397;4,35;3
10; Col-0; 6, 251; 6, 244; 6, 222; 9
11;Col-0;5,639;5,649;5,573;7
12; Col-0; 5, 133; 5, 223; 5, 048; 3
13;Col-0;5,581;5,514;5,546;9
14; Col-0; 6, 001; 5, 931; 5, 948; 10
15; Col-0; 5, 582; 5, 678; 5, 633; 2
16; Col-0; 5, 441; 5, 389; 5, 476; 4
17;Col-0;5,941;6,01;5,91;3
18; Col-0; 4, 864; 4, 854; 4, 943; 7
19; Col-0; 5, 4; 5, 338; 5, 436; 8
20;Col-0;6,432;6,446;6,366;11
21;K9;5,683;5,588;5,613;8
22;K9;5,803;5,872;5,832;14
23;K9;5,596;5,569;5,631;6
24;K9;6,52;6,424;6,539;18
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Header (Column labels)

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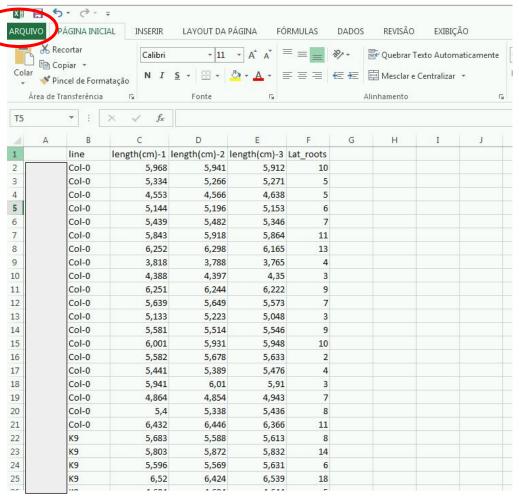
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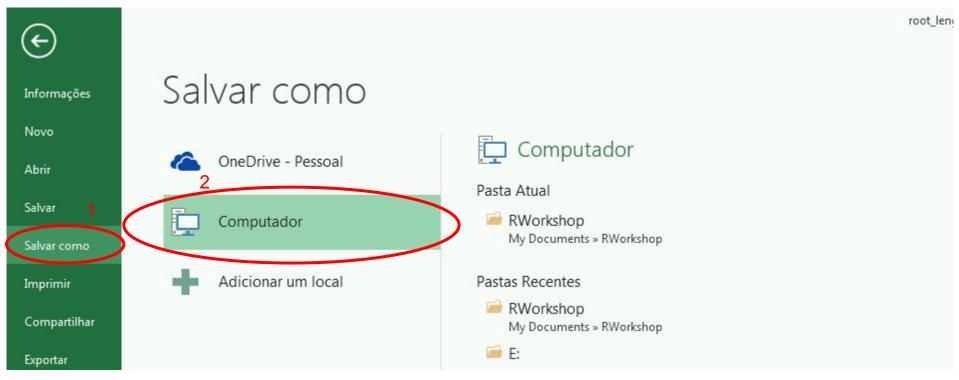
Column 2

In MS excel:

1. Click on File



Save as(1) > Computer(2)



- 1. Choose location to save new file.
- Choose name for the new file.
- 3. Select type: CSV
- 4. Click save

