Graduate Student Lunch & Learn

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What I wish I knew when started grad school...

(with memes)

1 Excel sucks

If statistics programs/languages were cars...



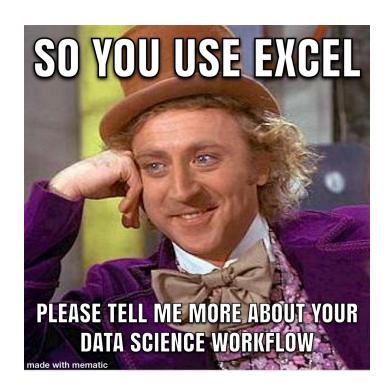












2 Learning to code is hard, but worth it



Matt Dancho (Business Scie... · 9/27/21 · · · · Even seasoned useRs get smacked sometimes. Never give up. #rstats



3 Programming is 90% googling



Bonnie @The_GreatBonnie · 1/23/22 · · · Are you a developer or you can't relate.





4 Best code is working code



When your code is a mess but it somehow still works.



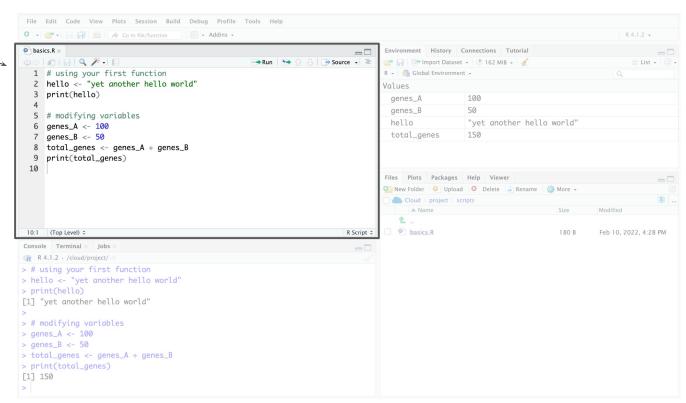
R basics: syntax, data structures, loops, etc.

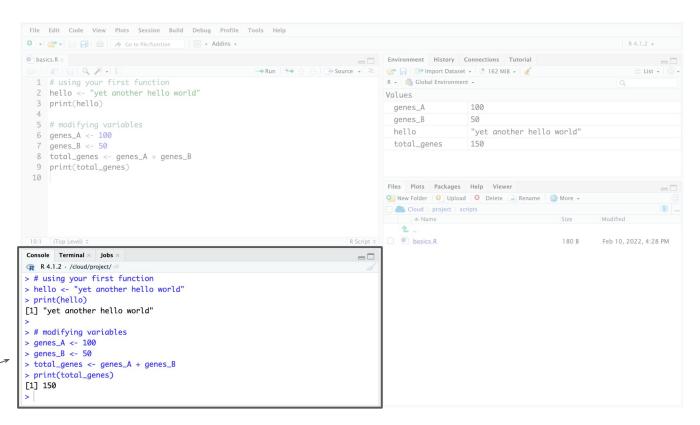
(no memes)



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  1 # using your first function
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  2 hello <- "yet another hello world"
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  3 print(hello)
                                                                              genes_A
                                                                                              100
                                                                                              50
                                                                              genes_B
  5 # modifying variables
                                                                              hello
                                                                                              "yet another hello world"
  6 genes_A <- 100
                                                                              total_genes
                                                                                              150
  7 genes_B <- 50
  8 total_genes <- genes_A + genes_B</pre>
  9 print(total_genes)
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> # using your first function
> hello <- "yet another hello world"
> print(hello)
[1] "yet another hello world"
> # modifying variables
> genes_A <- 100
> genes_B <- 50
> total_genes <- genes_A + genes_B
> print(total_genes)
[1] 150
```

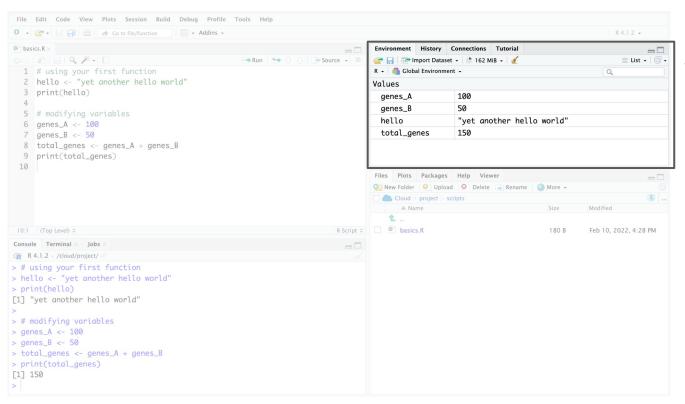
Write your code here

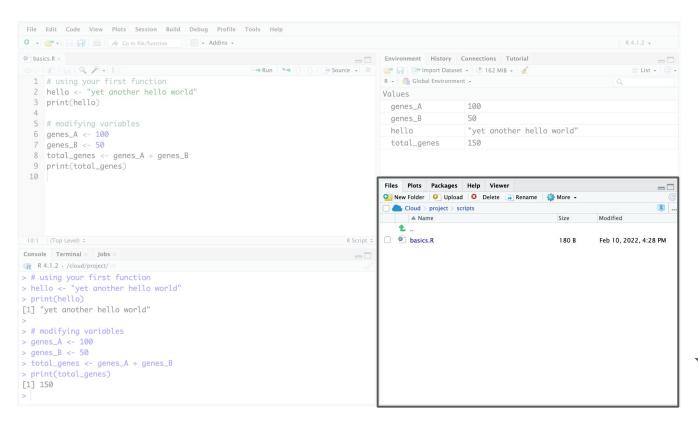




R does its things here

Keep track of all your objects here





See where your files are

```
# using your first function
hello <- "yet another hello world"
print(hello)</pre>
```

Comment (aka your best friend)

using your first function
hello <- "yet another hello world"
print(hello)</pre>

```
Assignment operator
                     # using vour first function
                     hello <- "yet another hello world"
Object / Variable
                                 Some data:
                                     Character / string → "hello world!"
                                     Integer → 30
                                     Numeric \rightarrow 2.5
                                     Logical → TRUE or FALSE
```

```
# using your first function
hello <- "yet another hello world"
print(hello)

Function</pre>
```

Style guide

https://style.tidyverse.org/

Best practices on how to name variables and write clean code!

Variable and function names should use only lowercase letters, numbers, and __. Use underscores (_) (so called snake case) to separate words within a name.

```
# Good
day_one
day_1

# Bad
DayOne
dayone
```

Generally, variable names should be nouns and function names should be verbs. Strive for names that are concise and meaningful (this is not easy!).

```
# Good
day_one

# Bad
first_day_of_the_month
djm1
```

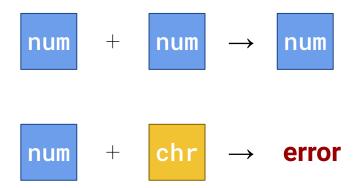
Operators

addition subtraction * multiplication division **Arithmetic** ^ or ** exponentiation integer-divide x by y and **x %%** y return the remainder integer division

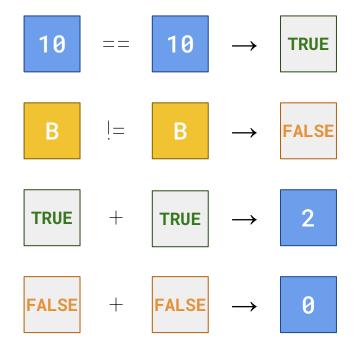
Operators

```
less than
                               less than or equal to
                      <=
                               greater than
                       >
                               greater than or equal to
                      >=
Logical
                               exactly equal to
                      not equal to
                       ! =
                      ! \times
                               not x
                               x or y
                              x and y
```

Be careful! Certain operations are **specific** to certain data types



```
class( 10 ) → numeric
class( 10 ) → character
as.numeric( 10 ) → 10
```



Functions

Functions

print(my_variable) round(my_variable) ?round Rounds the values in its num first argument to the specified number of decimal places (default 0)

Functions

```
my_data <- read.table(file = "filename.txt", sep = "\t")

Function name

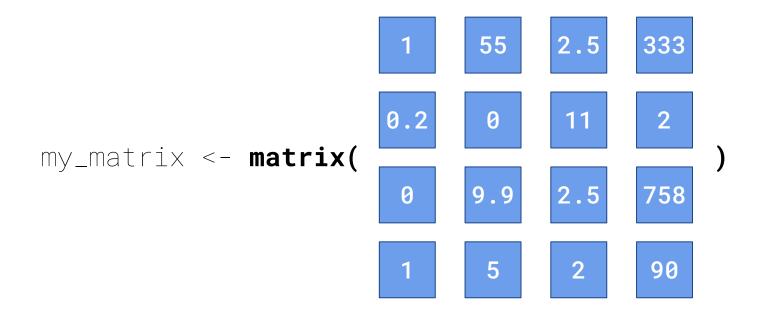
Arguments</pre>
```

Data structures

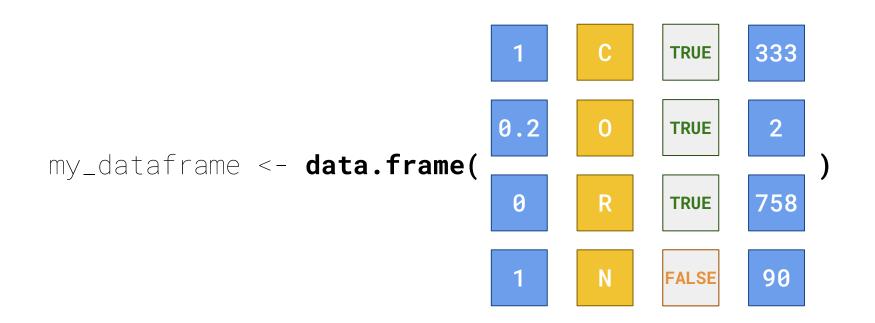
Data structures

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Data structures

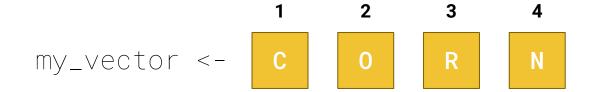


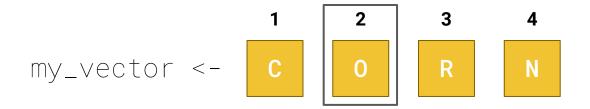
Data structures



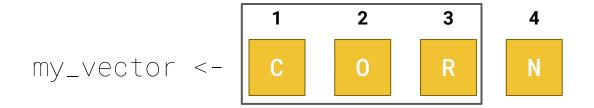
Data structures

```
numbers = 1 55
                      best_plant =
my_list <- list(</pre>
                                         TRUE
                                         TRUE
                      data =
                                         TRUE
```

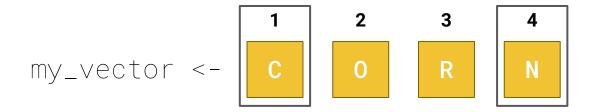




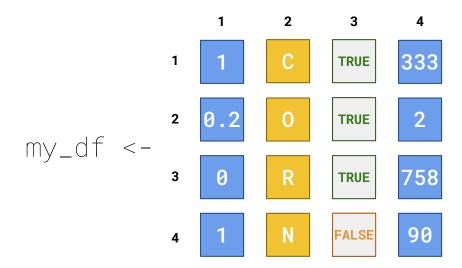
my_vector[2]

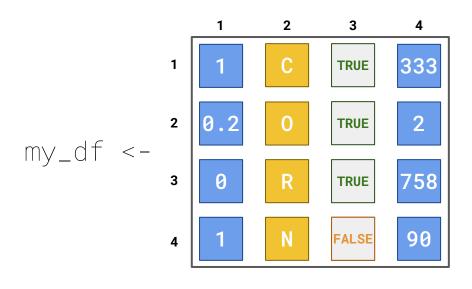


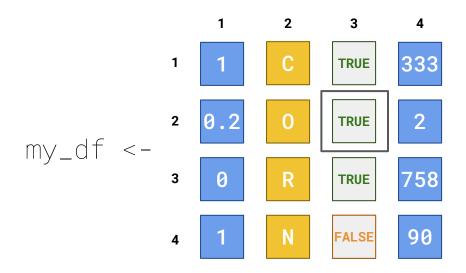
my_vector[1:3]



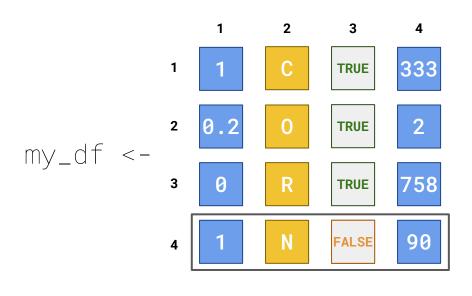
my_vector[c(1,4)]

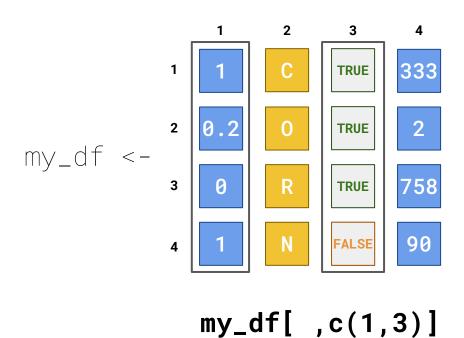




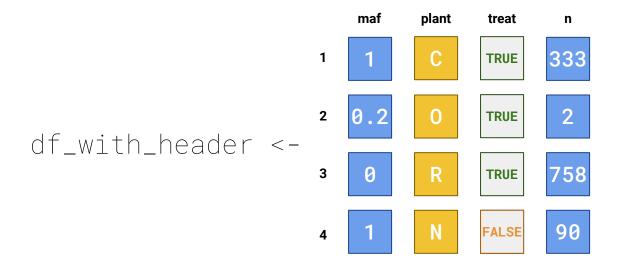


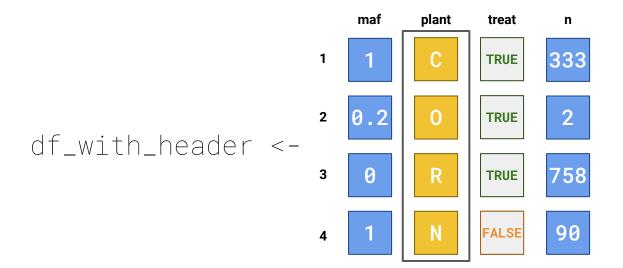
my_df[2,3]



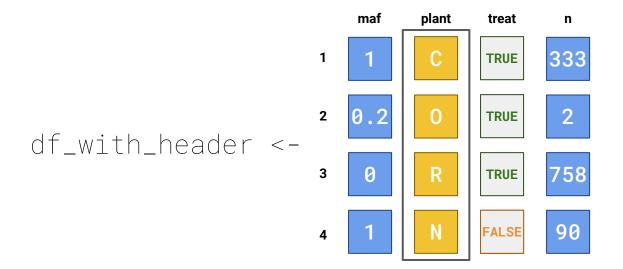


$$my_df[my_df[, 1] < 0.5, c(1,3)]$$

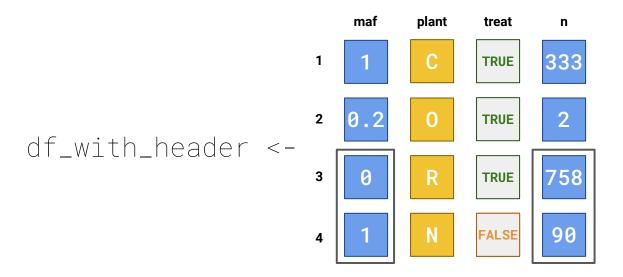




df_with_header\$plant



df_with_header[,2]



df_with_header[3:4, c("maf", "n")]

```
if (condition) {
    ...do something...
} else {
    ...do other thing...
}
```

```
big_number <- 1.000

if (big_number > 100) {
   print("this is a big number")
} else {
   print("not that big")
}
```

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big_number <- 1.000

if (big_number > 100) {
   print("this is a big number")
} else {
   print("not that big")
}
"not that big"
```

```
plant <- "corn"

if (plant == "corn") {
   plant <- paste(plant, "is the best")
} else {
   plant <- "not corn"
}

print(plant)</pre>
```

```
plant <- "corn"

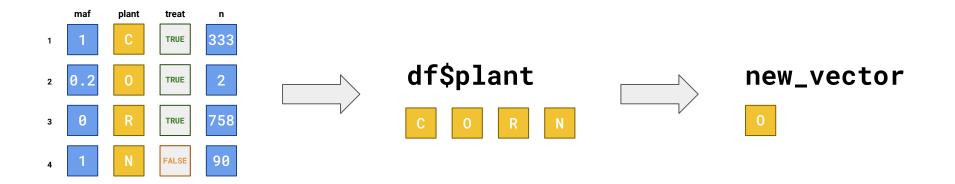
if (plant == "corn") {
    plant <- paste(plant, "is the best")
} else {
    plant <- "not corn"
}

print(plant)</pre>
"corn is the best"
```

for loop

```
for (variable in vector) {
    ...do something...
}
```

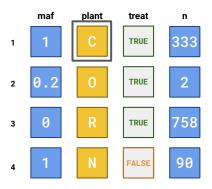
I want to create a vector containing only vowels from the plant column



```
# vowels I know
vowels <- c("A", "E", "I", "0", "U")
# create an empty vector to store values
vowels_in_plant <- c()</pre>
```

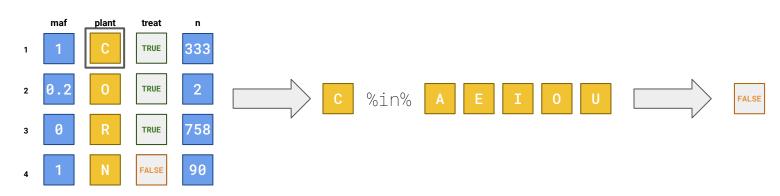
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# vowels I know
vowels <- c("A", "E", "I", "0", "U")
# create an empty vector to store values
vowels_in_plant <- c()</pre>
```

```
# get letter from first row of column "plant"
letter <- df[1, "plant"]</pre>
```



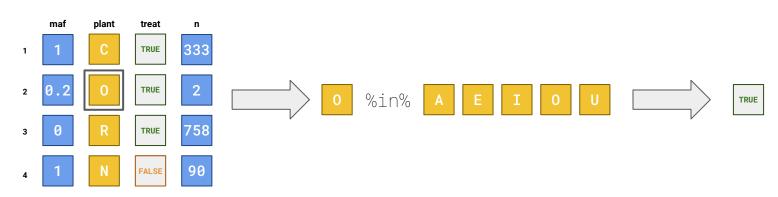
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# get letter from first row of column "plant"
letter <- df[1, "plant"]
# if letter is a vowel
if (letter %in% vowels) {
    # append letter to vector
    vowels_in_plant <- append(vowels_in_plant, letter)
}</pre>
```



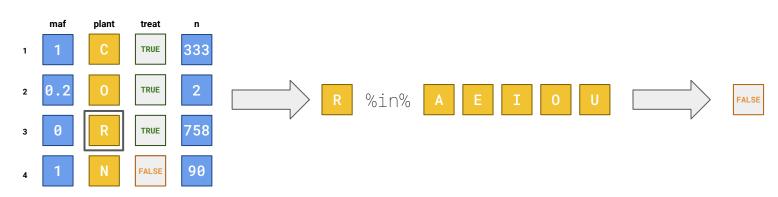
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# create an empty vector to store values
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# get letter from first row of column "plant"
letter <- df[2, "plant"]
# if letter is a vowel
if (letter %in% vowels) {
    # append letter to vector
    vowels_in_plant <- append(vowels_in_plant, letter)
}</pre>
```



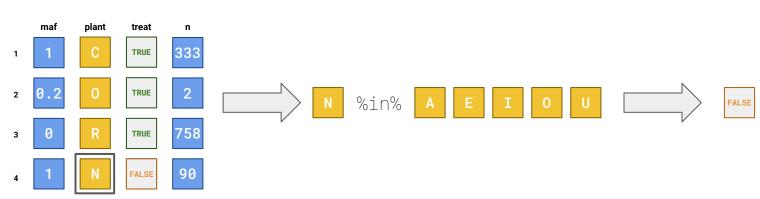
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# create an empty vector to store values
vowels_in_plant <- c()</pre>
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# get letter from first row of column "plant"
letter <- df[3, "plant"]
# if letter is a vowel
if (letter %in% vowels) {
    # append letter to vector
    vowels_in_plant <- append(vowels_in_plant, letter)
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vowels <- c("A", "E", "I", "O", "U")
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```
# get letter from first row of column "plant"
letter <- df[4, "plant"]
# if letter is a vowel
if (letter %in% vowels) {
    # append letter to vector
    vowels_in_plant <- append(vowels_in_plant, letter)
}</pre>
```



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vowels I know

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# create an empty vector to store values
vowels_in_plant <- c()

for (row in 1:4) {
    # get letter from column "plant"
    letter <- df[row, "plant"]

    # if letter is a vowel
    if (letter %in% vowels) {
        # append letter to vector
        vowels_in_plant <- append(vowels_in_plant, letter)
    }
}</pre>
```

while loop

```
while (condition) {
    ...do something...
}
```

```
# initial number of seeds
total seeds <- 0
# initial number of surprise packages opened
surprise_packages <- 0</pre>
while(total_seeds < 1000) {</pre>
  # open surprise packages and add to total number of seeds
  total_seeds <- total_seeds + sample(x = 1:100, size = 1)
  # increase number of surprise packages opened
  surprise_packages <- surprise_packages + 1</pre>
# let me know how many packages I opened
print(surprise_packages)
```

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  # increase number of surprise packages opened
  surprise_packages <- surprise_packages + 1</pre>
                                                                  First time \rightarrow 19
# let me know how many packages I opened
                                                                 Second time \rightarrow 17
print(surprise_packages)
                                                                  Third time \rightarrow 21
```

```
# initial number of seeds
total seeds <- 0
# initial number of surprise packages opened
surprise_packages <- 0</pre>
while(total_seeds < 1000) {
  # open surprise packages and add to total number of seeds
  total_seeds <- total_seeds - sample(x = 1:100, size = 1)
  # increase number of surprise packages opened
  surprise_packages <- surprise_packages + 1</pre>
```

let me know how many packages I opened

print(surprise_packages)

Infinite loop

(will never finished running)

Getting help: a matter of asking the right questions

(google == "best friend")

Read the docs

1

Use ?function in R, go to package website, look for tutorials/examples online

Google error/question

2

Spend some time reading through the comments in StackOverflow or other forum post, and know that you may need to try slightly different things

Learn how to ask the right question

This is a skill that you get better as you go, but usually involves being precise on what you ask and use certain terminology of your programming language

Learn how to ask the right question

3

"how to get lines of my table according to a number in R"

VS

"how to **subset** my **data frame** in R"

Ask your friend:)

They don't need to be experts, but they might have had similar problems before or they can help you debug

Pseudocoding: write your code in a human language

(then translate to computer language)

Break down a complex task into a

series of smaller and simpler tasks

Calculate allele frequencies for each marker in this file



load the file
for each marker in that data frame
 count total number of alleles
 count how many times each allele shows up
 divide the allele count by total

Calculate allele frequencies for each marker in this file



load the file

create empty vector to store values

for each marker in that data frame

count total number of alleles
count how many times each allele shows up

append frequencies to vector

divide the allele count by total

write file with allele frequencies

This is a skill and takes time to develop!

Writing you pseudocode as comments in your script, helps you visualize what you need to do and make your translation to R language easier

Your turn!

Hands-on exercises

If you want to practice some R basics: simple_marker_analysis.R

If you know the basics and want some challenge: need4speed.R

Extra

More advanced stuff...

apply() function



Iterate through data frame by:

Element
$$\rightarrow$$
 MARGIN = c(1, 2)

plant function n apply() function 333 2 my_row 3 apply(my_df, MARGIN = 1function(my_row) { y <- as.character(my_row)</pre> plant plant maf n maf n 333 return(y) 2 3 90

plant function apply() function 333 2 my_col 3 apply(my_df, MARGIN = 2function(my_col) { y <- as.character(my_col)</pre> plant plant maf maf n 333 return(y) 2 758 3

Plotting with ggplot2

https://datacarpentry.org/R-ecology-lesson/04-visualization-ggplot2.html

Working directory

```
Know where you are:

getwd()

Change where you are:

setwd()
```

```
getwd()
[1] "/rcloud/project/"

read.file("file.txt")
[1] error

read.file("data/file.txt")
```

```
getwd()
[1] "/rcloud/project/"
read.file("file.txt")
[1] error
setwd("data")
getwd()
[1] "/rcloud/project/data"
read.file("data/file.txt")
[1] error
read.file("file.txt")
```

Online courses:

www.datacamp.com www.edx.org www.coursera.org

Data carpentry: datacarpentry.org/

Keep learning!

Style guide: style.tidyverse.org/