

# Workshop: Introduction to R

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Welcome blabla,

Who's a complete beginner ?

Give me a R, give me a ... well that's it

Potential addition: matrix fill up scheme, Rstudio use guide/slide, Tips box, Question box

Exercises/data to prepare:

nice/funny plots

useful function

debugging

one-liner quiz.

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671 packages in Bioconductor. Bioconductor provides tools for the analysis and comprehension of high-throughput genomic data.

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Comparison with C ?

The shuffle array example is good

# R and Rstudio

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Emacs+ESS on Linux, R console on Mac



# Data structure - Overview

## Unit type

**numeric** Numbers, e.g. 0, 1, 42, -66.6.

**character** Words, e.g. “male”, “ENSG0007”, “Vive la France”.

**logical** Boolean: *TRUE* or *FALSE*.

## Container

**vector** Concatenation of elements of the same type.

**matrix** Matrix of element of the same type.

**list** Flexible container, mixed type possible. Recursive.

**data.frame** Table-like structure, same type within a column.  
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Other type but more complex and less useful, e.g. factors

# Vectors

## Vector construction

`c` Concatenate function.

`1:10` Vector with numbers from 1 to 10.

`rep` Repeat element several times.

## Example

```
luckyNumbers = c(4,8,15,16,23,42)
```

```
luckyNumbers
```

```
oneToTen = 1:10
```

```
tenOnes = rep(1,10)
```

```
samples = c("sampA","sampB")
```

```
samples
```

## Everything is a vector

```
is.vector(is.vector(1)) -> TRUE
```

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Questions: Create your own numbers and favorite group of friends/hockey player/star/genes.

# Vectors

## Characterization

- `length` Number of element in the vector.
- `names` Get or set the names of the vector.

## Manipulation

- `vec[i:j]` Subset a vector from  $i^{th}$  to  $j^{th}$  values.
- `sort` Sort a vector.
- `order` Get the index of the sorted elements.
- `rev` Reverse a vector.
- `sample` Shuffle a vector.

## Example

```
length(luckyNumbers)
luckyNumbers[2:4]
names(luckyNumbers) = c("frank","henry","philip",
                        "steve","tom","francis")

luckyNumbers
luckyNumbers["philip"]
rev(1:10)
order(c(luckyNumbers,1:10,tenOnes))
```

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rev(1:10)
order(c(luckyNumbers, 1:10, testVec))
```

Square-brackets

Questions:

change the third number,

print a shuffle version of the vector

add “Jean” at the end of the character vector,

reverse it,

make the reverse the new value.

# Vectors

## Exploration

`head/tail` Print the first/last values.

### On numeric vectors:

`summary` Summary statistics: minimum, mean, maximum, ...

`min/max/mean/var` Minimum, maximum, average, variance.

`sum` Sum of the vector's values.

## Example

```
head(samples)
```

```
summary(luckyNumbers)
```

```
mean(luckyNumbers)
```

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Questions:

Show me the beginning of your numbers

the names of your numbers

change the name of the second value to something

average value of this beginning

the sum of the minimum and maximum value.



# Vectors

## Operations

- ▶ Simple arithmetic operations over all the values of the vector.
- ▶ Or values by values when using vectors of same length.
- ▶ Arithmetic operation:  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$ .

## Example

```
luckyNumbers * 4 - 2  
luckyNumber s* 1:length(luckyNumbers) -  
                rev(1:length(luckyNumbers))
```

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## Example

```
luckyNumbers <- 4 * 2  
luckyNumber <- 1:length(luckyNumbers) *  
  rep(1:length(luckyNumbers))
```

Let's apply it to the Exercise

# Exercise - Guess my favorite number

## Instructions

1. Create a vector of *numeric* values. At least two values.
2. Multiply it by 6.
3. Add 21.
4. Divide it by 3
5. Remove 1.
6. Halve it.
7. Remove its original values.

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Tips: save the original values somewhere or change the values of a new vector.

# Matrix

## Specific to matrices

`matrix` Create a matrix.

`rbind/cbind` Concatenate vectors or matrix by row or column.

`mat[i:j,k:l]` Subset from the  $i$  to  $j$  row and  $k$  to  $l$  column.

`dim` Dimension of the matrix: number of rows and columns.

`rownames/colnames` Get or set the names of the rows/columns.

## Example

```
mat = matrix(runif(12),3,4)
colnames(mat) = c("col1","col2","col3","col4")
rownames(mat) = c("row1","row2","row3")
```

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## Questions:

create 4x4 matrix with number from 1 to 16

the same but shuffled

print the first column

the three first columns

Add an extra line to the matrix

Print the new dimension

# Matrix

## Same as vector

- ▶ length, head, tail.
- ▶ For numeric matrix: min, max, sum, mean.
- ▶ Arithmetic operations: +, -, \*, /.

## Example

```
mean(mat)
```

```
sum(mat) / length(mat)
```

```
mat * 2
```

```
mat + mat
```

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## Questions:

Average of the matrix

Average of the first two columns

multiply by 2 and remove the matrix



# Lists

## Flexible container

E.g. can concatenate a vector of *numeric* with a matrix of *numeric* and a matrix of *character*.

`list` Create a list.

`l[[i]]` Get or set the  $i^{th}$  object of the list.

`l$toto` Get or set the element labeled as *toto*.

`names` Get or set the names of the list elements.

`length` Get the number of element in the list.

`str` Output the structure of a R object.

## Example

```
l = list(vec=1:10,mat=matrix(runif(25),5))
str(l)
l
l$vec = 1
l
```

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## Questions:

Make a 3-dimensional (4x4x4) data type using a list

# Exercise

1. Create a matrix of with 100 rows and 4 columns with random numbers inside. *Tip: runif function for random numbers.*
2. Name the columns. E.g. *sampleA*, *sampleB*, ...
3. Print the name of the column with the largest mean value.
4. Print the name of the column with the largest value.

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What if it had 100 rows...

# Functions - apply

## New best friend

- ▶ Apply a function to row or columns of a 2 dimension data structure (matrix or data frame).
- ▶ No manual iteration, the loop is implicit.
- ▶ Second argument: 1 means rows, 2 means columns.

## Example

```
apply(mat,1,mean)
apply(mat,2,function(x){
  x.mean = mean(x)
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})
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```

Same for list, etc  
output

# Functions - lapply

## apply for lists

- Useful way to iterate through lists.

## Example

```
file_list <- read.files('.')
files_content <- lapply(file_list, function(file) \{
  data <- read.csv(file)
  #Do something with the data
  return(data)
\})
```

# Functions

- ▶ Name of the function with arguments between parenthesis.
- ▶ E.g. `mean(x)`.

## Do your own

**function** To define functions.

- ▶ All the object created within the function are temporary.

**return** Define what will be returned by the function.

## Example

```
almostMean = function(x){  
  x.mean = mean(x)  
  return(x.mean+1)  
}  
almostMean(0:10)  
x.mean
```



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Question: create a function that returns the power: `pow <- function(base, exp) ...`

# Conditions

## Boolean

*logical* Binary data: *TRUE* or *FALSE*.

**Numeric comparison** `==`, `!=`, `>`, `<`, `>=`, `<=`.

**Boolean operation** AND: `&`, OR: `|`, NOT: `!`

**which** Returns the index of the vectors with *TRUE* values.

**any** Take a vector of *logical* and return *TRUE* if at least one value is *TRUE*.

**%in%** Vectorized any. See example/supp material.

## Example

```
2 + 2 == 4
```

```
(2 < 3) & (3 != 1+2)
```

```
which(5:10 == 6)
```

```
any(9>1:10)
```

```
any(9>1:10 & 8<=1:10)
```

```
luckyNumbers[which(luckyNumbers %in% c(16,42,-66.6))]
```

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## Example

2 + 2 == 4

(2 &lt; 3) &amp; (3 != 1+2)

which(5:10 == 6)

any(0:1:10)

any(0:1:10 &amp; 0:0:1:10)

luckyNumbers[which(!luckyNumbers %in% c(16,42,-66,6))]

Is more details on logical rules necessary ?

Question: write a function that filters out numbers: largerThan j-

```
function(data, threshold) {...}
```

# Testing conditions

## if else

Test if a condition, if *TRUE* run some instruction, if *FALSE* something else (or nothing).

## Example

```
if(length(luckyNumbers)>3){  
  cat("Too many lucky numbers.\n")  
  luckyNumbers = luckyNumbers[1:3]  
} else if(length(luckyNumbers)==3){  
  cat("Just enough lucky numbers.\n")  
} else {  
  cat("You need more lucky numbers.\n")  
}
```

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}
```

Maybe more theoretical structure

Question: write a function that filter number higher than 10

# Loops

## for loops

Iterate over the element of a container and run instructions.

```
for(v in vec){  
  ... Instruction  
}
```

## while loops

Run instructions as long as a condition is *TRUE*.

```
while( CONDITION ){  
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}
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- ▶ What data structure is the more appropriate ? **vector**, **matrix** ?
- ▶ Does R read/write the file the way you want ?
- ▶ The extra arguments of the functions are your allies.

## scan

To read a **vector** from a file with, for example, one value per line.

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**what=** the type of the argument gives the type of the values, e.g 1, "a".

**sep=** the character that separate each value. By default, a white-space or end of line.

## write

To write a **vector** from a file with one value per line.

**vec** the vector to write.

**file=** the file name.

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Questions: try to write on vector  
Then re-read it.

# Import/export data

## read.data

To read a `data.frame` from a multi-column file.

`file=` the file name.

`header= TRUE` use the first line for the column names. Default: *FALSE*.

`as.is= TRUE` read the values as simple type, no complex type inference, **recommended**. Default: *FALSE*.

`sep=` the character that separate each column. By default, a white-space or end of line.

## write.data

To write a `data.frame` in a multi-column file.

`df` the matrix or `data.frame` to write.

`file=` the file name.

`col.names= TRUE` print the column names in the first line. Default: *TRUE*.

`row.names= TRUE` print the rows names in the first columns. Default: *TRUE*.

`quote= TRUE` surround character by quotes(""). Default: *TRUE* → messy.

`sep=` the character that separate each column. By default, a white-space.

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## Import/export data

## read.data

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white-space.

Questions: try to write a matrix with the different arguments  
Then re-read it.

# Import/export data

## R objects

`save` Save R objects into a file. Usual extension: *.RData*.  
`file=` argument to specify file name.

`save.image` Save the entire R environment.

`load` Load R objects from a (*.RData*) file. `verbose` to print the names of the objects loaded.

## Example

```
save(luckyNumbers, tenOnes, mat, file="uselessData.RData")  
load(file="uselessData.RData")  
load(file="dataForBasicPlots.RData", verbose=TRUE)
```

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```

## Rstudio tips

Questions: load data for next exercise.

Save your objects if you want to...

# Basic plotting

`hist` Plot the value distribution of a vector.

`plot` Plot one vector against the other.

`line` Same as plot but super-imposed to the existent one.

`abline` Draw vertical/horizontal lines.

## Common arguments

`main=` A title for the plot.

`xlim=/ylim` A vector of size two defining the desired limit on the x/y axis.

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Questions: plot the prepared data(some funny shaped plots ?)  
Histogram with vertical line on the mean

# Debugging

## Instructions

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2. Run and debug it !



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Bugs: header load table, type `read.table`, parenthesis/brackets, infinite loop, NA in mean etc, operation different length, type coercion numeric character, non-unique (col)names, (global variable within function), apply rows returning matrix

# One-liner quiz

## Instructions

Write R command to address each question. Only one-line command allowed. The shorter the better.

## Questions

1. From a matrix of numeric, compute the proportion of columns with average value higher than 0.
2. From a matrix of numeric, print the name of the columns with the highest value.
3. From a matrix of numeric, print the rows with only positive values.
- 4.

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Find more questions.

# Type coercion.

- ▶ Automatic conversion of an object to another type, e.g numeric→character, logical→numeric.
- ▶ Awareness for debugging.
- ▶ Useful sometimes.

## Example

```
is.numeric( c(1:10,"eleven") )
```

```
logical.vector = c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE,TRUE,FALSE)
```

```
sum(logical.vector)
```

```
mean(logical.vector)
```

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```

Questions: How would you do it

## character operations

`paste` Paste several character into one.

`grep` Search a pattern in a vector and return the index when matched.

`grepl` Search a pattern in a vector and return *TRUE* if found.

`strsplit` Split character into several.

### Example

```
sample.name = "0b5cU8eN4mE"  
file.name = paste("pathToYourDirectory/greatAnalysis-",  
                  sample.name, ".txt", sep="")  
  
which(sample.names=="controlA" & sample.names=="controlB")  
grep("control", sample.names)
```

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sample.name = "0b5c09a04d8"  
file.name = paste("pathToFourDirectory/greatAnalysis-",  
                  sample.name, ".txt", sep="")  
  
which(sample.names=="controlA" & sample.names=="controlB")  
grep("control", sample.names)
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More details

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