

BIOS 545 Week 1

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Why R ?

Occupational Outlook Handbook 2020

Employment of computer and information research scientists is projected to grow 15 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations.

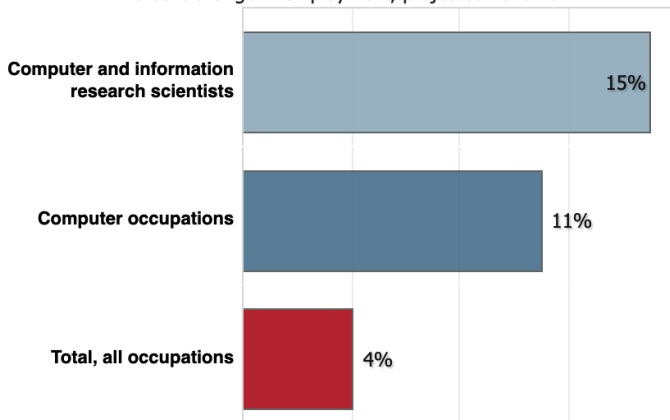
Rapid growth in data collection by businesses will lead to an increased need for data-mining services. Analysts will be needed to write algorithms that help businesses make sense of very large amounts of data.

Graduates with a master's degree in statistics and a strong background in a related discipline, such as finance, biology, engineering, or computer science, are projected to have the best prospects of finding jobs in their field of study.

Why R ?

Computer and Information Research Scientists

Percent change in employment, projected 2019-29



Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program

Data Analysts Captivated by R's Power



Left, Stuart Isett for The New York Times; right, Kieran Scott for The New York Times

R first appeared in 1996, when the statistics professors Robert Gentleman, left, and Ross Ihaka released the code as a free software package.

By **ASHLEE VANCE**

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<http://tinyurl.com/cxa774n>

Who Uses R ?

Company	How R is Used
Bank of America	Modeling and visualization
Facebook	User analysis and interaction
FDA	Used in parallel with SAS
Ford Motor Company	Decision support
Google	Calculate ROI on advertising
John Deere	Time series modeling and geospatial analysis
National Weather Service	Visualization for flood forecasting
New York Times Newspaper	Data visualization
Nordstrom	Recommendation systems
Orbitz Travel	Search result optimization
Twitter	User experience analysis
Trulia Real Estate	Housing cost predictions
OK Cupid Online Dating	Trend analysis
Lloyd's of London Insurance	Investment recommendation

<https://www.listendata.com/2016/12/companies-using-r.html>

Why R ?

- R is an interactive framework for data and statistical analysis that also happens to have a builtin programming language.
- Compare this to languages such as Python, Perl, and Java that have data analysis addons
- Which language to use ? Use them all if necessary but if data analysis is a large part of the work then R is the “go to” language
- R can reference or call code written in C, C++, Perl, Python, Java, and FORTRAN.
- Most of the effort in using R relates to shaping data for analysis and understanding the available functions and packages.
- To be a good *programmer* in R one must first be a knowledgeable *user* of R.

Why R ?

Differences between R and other statistical packages

“When talking about user friendliness of computer software I like to the analogy of cars vs. busses. Using this analogy programs like SPSS are busses, easy to use for the standard things, but very frustrating if you want to do something that is not already preprogrammed.”

“R is a 4-wheel drive SUV with a bike on the back, a kayak on the top, good walking and running shoes in the passenger seat, and a mountain climbing and spelunking gear in the back.”

“R can take you anywhere you want to go if you take the time to learn how to use the equipment, but that is going to take longer than learning where the bus stops are in SPSS.”

Greg Snow, R-help

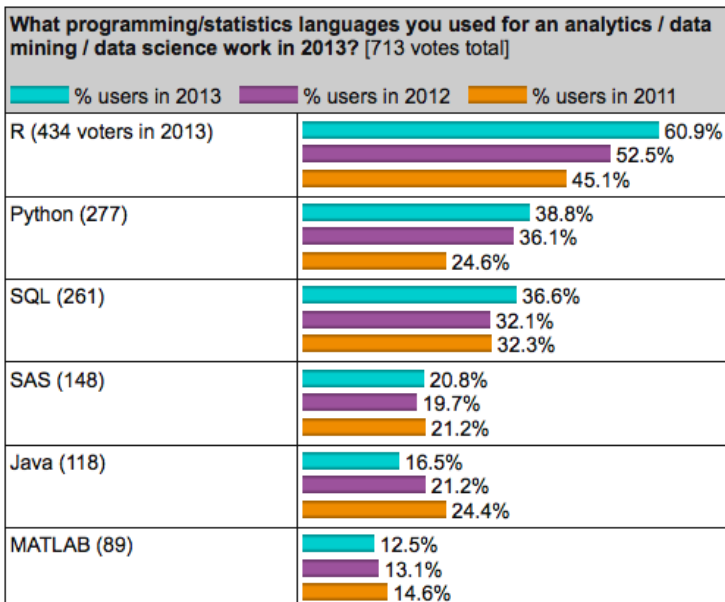
Why R ?

Cool things about R

- Vast capabilities with a wide range of statistical and graphics techniques
- Written primarily by statisticians
- Free of cost
- Collaborative development with over 6,092 user contributed packages
- Excellent community support with mailing lists, blogs, and tutorials
- Excellent “google” support
- Wildly popular in Academia and increasingly so in the business world

`www.slideshare.net/izahn/rintro`

R vs Other Languages - kdnuggets.com



Obtaining R

- Go to <https://www.r-project.org/>
- Click on your platform which will be either Windows or Apple OSX
- You will be redirected to another page which has a download link near the top
- Click it to download and begin installation. Wait till it is finished
- Go to <http://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/> to download the RStudio GUI
- Double click the installer to initiate the installation of RStudio
- Once finished start up Rstudio

Base Packages

It is important to note that R comes with a base set of packages as part of every installation.

```
> getOption("defaultPackages")
[1] "datasets" "utils"      "grDevices" "graphics" "stats"      "methods"

> search()
[1] ".GlobalEnv"      "package:stats"    "package:graphics" "package:grDevices"
[5] "package:utils"    "package:datasets" "package:methods"   "Autoloads"
[9] "package:base"

> library(help="stats")
```

Base Packages

```
> library(help="stats")
```

Description:

```
Package:      stats
Version:      3.1.2
Priority:      base
Title:        The R Stats Package
Author:       R Core Team and contributors worldwide
Maintainer:   R Core Team <R-core@r-project.org>
Description:  R statistical functions
License:      Part of R 3.1.2
Built:        R 3.1.2; x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0; 2014-10-31 20:19:14 UTC; unix
```

Index:

<code>.checkMFClasses</code>	Functions to Check the Type of Variables passed to Model Frames
<code>AIC</code>	Akaike's An Information Criterion
<code>ARMAacf</code>	Compute Theoretical ACF for an ARMA Process
<code>ARMAtoMA</code>	Convert ARMA Process to Infinite MA Process
<code>Beta</code>	The Beta Distribution
<code>Binomial</code>	The Binomial Distribution
<code>Box.test</code>	Box-Pierce and Ljung-Box Tests
<code>C</code>	Sets Contrasts for a Factor

Base Packages

Many packages come with example data that is helpful when attempting to understand how various functions work. To see what data sets are available in a given package, do something like:

```
> search()
[1] ".GlobalEnv" "package:lattice" "package:stats" "package:graphics"
[5] "package:grDevices" "package:utils" "package:datasets" "package:methods"
[9] "Autoloads" "package:base"

> data(package="stats") # Find data included in package "stats"
```

Data sets in package "datasets":

AirPassengers	Monthly Airline Passenger Numbers 1949-1960
BJsales	Sales Data with Leading Indicator
BJsales.lead (BJsales)	Sales Data with Leading Indicator
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
CO2	Carbon Dioxide Uptake in Grass Plants
DNase	Elisa assay of DNase
EuStockMarkets	Daily Closing Prices of Major European
..	

CRAN Packages

One of the most powerful aspects of R is the ability to install user-contributed add-on packages available in CRAN, (Comprehensive R Archive Network). As of December 2014 there are over 6,000 packages available.

To obtain information on the wide variety of packages then visit the following URL to see some of the areas covered. `cran.cnr.berkeley.edu` Also go to the “Task Views” You can also see packages grouped by domain at <http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/>

CRAN Packages

Here are some of the areas covered. There are many more of course

CRAN Task Views

Bayesian	Bayesian Inference
ChemPhys	Chemometrics and Computational Physics
ClinicalTrials	Clinical Trial Design, Monitoring, and Analysis
Cluster	Cluster Analysis & Finite Mixture Models
DifferentialEquations	Differential Equations
Distributions	Probability Distributions
Econometrics	Computational Econometrics
Environmetrics	Analysis of Ecological and Environmental Data
ExperimentalDesign	Design of Experiments (DoE) & Analysis of Experimental Data
Finance	Empirical Finance
Genetics	Statistical Genetics
Graphics	Graphic Displays & Dynamic Graphics & Graphic Devices & Visualization
HighPerformanceComputing	High-Performance and Parallel Computing with R
MachineLearning	Machine Learning & Statistical Learning
MedicalImaging	Medical Image Analysis

CRAN Packages

If you are using RStudio there are menu items that can simplify the process of identifying and installing packages. However, you can also do this from the command prompt. Let's say you want to install the “actuar” package from CRAN.

```
> install.packages("actuar",dependencies=TRUE)
```

```
trying URL 'http://mirrors.nics.utk.edu/cran/bin/macosx/contrib/2.15/
actuar_1.1-5.tgz'
```

```
Content type 'application/x-gzip' length 1837121 bytes (1.8 Mb)
opened URL
```

```
=====
```

```
downloaded 1.8 Mb
```

```
> library(actuar) # Brings the package into the workspace
```


CRAN Packages

When we use the **library** command to load the contents of the **actuar** package it will show up when we execute the **search()** function. Check it out.

```
> library(actuar) # Brings the package into the workspace
```

```
> search()
```

```
[1] ".GlobalEnv" "package:actuar" "package:lattice" "package:stats"  
[5] "package:graphics" "package:grDevices" "package:utils"  
[8] "package:datasets" "package:methods" "Autoloads" "package:base"
```

CRAN Packages

On occasion you will need to install a package from a specific repository such as github. RStudio has menu items that can help with this but you can also do it from the command line.

```
> install.packages("devtools")  
> library(devtools)  
> install_github("Displayr/flipPlots")
```

Sometimes you download packages written by colleagues and you have to install them from your local hard drive. Again, RStudio can help but you could also do something like:

```
$ R CMD INSTALL GeoIP.tar.gz
```

Finding Documentation

There are lots of free books on the web

Resource	URL
The R Inferno	http://www.burns-stat.com/documents/books/the-r-inferno/
R Programming Wiki	http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/R_Programming
Intro to Stats Using R	http://ipsur.org
Stats with R	http://zoonek2.free.fr/UNIX/48_R/all.html
Lattice Graphics	http://lmdvr.r-forge.r-project.org
Contributed R Info	http://cran.r-project.org/other-docs.html
simpleR Intro Stats	http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Verzani-SimpleR.pdf
DIY Intro to R	http://www.unt.edu/rss/class/Jon/R_SC/
R Bloggers	http://www.r-bloggers.com/
R Journal	http://journal.r-project.org/
R Tutorial	http://www.r-tutor.com/r-introduction
Google Style Guide	http://adv-r.had.co.nz/Style.html

Finding Documentation

There are some good books you can buy although for this class they aren't required.

Book	Author
R Cookbook	Paul Teetor
R in a Nutshell	Joseph Adler
The Art of Programming	Norman Matloff
Data Manipulation with R	Phil Spector
ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analyses	Hadley Wickham
Intro to Scientific Programming and Simulation Using R	Jones, Maillardet, Robinson
Introductory Statistics with R	Peter Dalgaard
The R Book	Michael J. Crawley
Discovering Statistics Using R	Andy Field

Mailing Lists

- Here are some mailing lists that accept questions relative to R and BioConductor.
- Moderators and participants in these lists take questions seriously, sometimes too seriously,
- Please don't ask a question without first searching through the archives to see if your question has already been answered. Chances are it has.

Mailing Lists	URL
R-Help	http://stat.ethz.ch/mailman/listinfo/r-help
Cross Validated	http://stats.stackexchange.com
Stack Overflow	http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged

Getting Help

R has a number of ways to get help. Rstudio has a Help menu item. Other ways include the following:

```
> help.start()           # Launches a web browser with search capability

> help(function_name)    # Get help on "function_name"

> ?function_name         # Equivalent to the above

> args(function_name)    # See what arguments the function accepts

> example(function_name) # See an example of the function

> example(mean)
```

```
mean> x <- c(0:10, 50)
mean> xm <- mean(x)
mean> c(xm, mean(x, trim = 0.10))
[1] 8.75 5.50
```

Getting Help

R has a number of ways to get help. Rstudio has a Help menu item. Other ways include the following:

```
# Find all functions and data having to do with time series
```

```
> help.search("time series")
```

```
> ?? "time series"      # Equivalent to the above
```

Help files with alias or concept or title matching "time series" using fuzzy matching:

<code>boot::tsboot</code>	Bootstrapping of Time Series
<code>datasets::austres</code>	Quarterly Time Series of the Number of Australian Residents
<code>datasets::beavers</code>	Body Temperature Series of Two Beavers
<code>ggplot2::economics</code>	US economic time series.
<code>lattice::xyplot.ts</code>	Time series plotting methods
<code>MASS::beav1</code>	Body Temperature Series of Beaver 1
<code>MASS::beav2</code>	Body Temperature Series of Beaver 2
<code>stats::StructTS</code>	Fit Structural Time Series
<code>stats::ar</code>	Fit Autoregressive Models to Time Series
<code>stats::ar.ols</code>	Fit Autoregressive Models to Time Series by OLS
<code>..</code>	

Things to Know !

- Everything in R is an object
- The great thing about R is that there are many different ways to do something
- The bad thing about R is that there are many different ways to do something
- Everything that happens in R is a function call
- Supports procedural programming with functions and object oriented programming
- R is based on a “read-eval-print” loop
- Interpreted language

Walkthrough

```
url <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/stevie42/bios545_spring_2021/master/DATA.DIR/table_7_3.csv"
```

```
engine <- read.table(url, sep = ",", header=TRUE)  
engine <- engine[,-1]
```

```
head(engine) # 3 engine pollutants
```

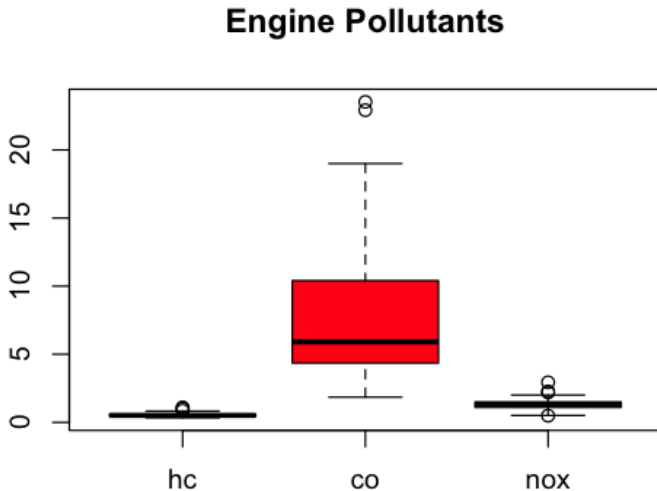
```
      hc co nox  
1 0.50 5.01 1.28  
2 0.65 14.67 0.72  
3 0.46 8.60 1.17  
4 0.41 4.42 1.31  
5 0.41 4.95 1.16
```

```
summary(engine)  
      en hc co nox  
Min.   : 1.00   Min.   :0.3400   Min.   : 1.850   Min.   :0.490  
1st Qu.:12.75   1st Qu.:0.4375   1st Qu.: 4.388   1st Qu.:1.110  
Median :24.50   Median :0.5100   Median : 5.905   Median :1.315  
Mean   :24.00   Mean   :0.5502   Mean   : 7.879   Mean   :1.340  
3rd Qu.:35.25   3rd Qu.:0.6025   3rd Qu.:10.015   3rd Qu.:1.495  
Max.   :46.00   Max.   :1.1000   Max.   :23.530   Max.   :2.940
```

```
http://www.cyclismo.org/tutorial/R/hwI.html
```

Walkthrough

```
boxplot(engine,col="red",main="Engine Pollutants")
```



Walkthrough

```
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
```

```
boxplot(engine$co,main="Carbon Monoxide")
```

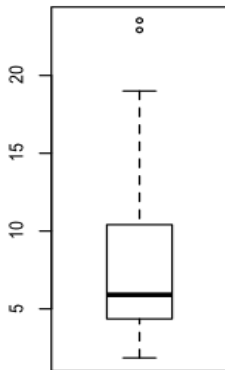
```
hist(engine$co)
```

```
qqnorm(engine$co,main="Carbon Monoxide")
```

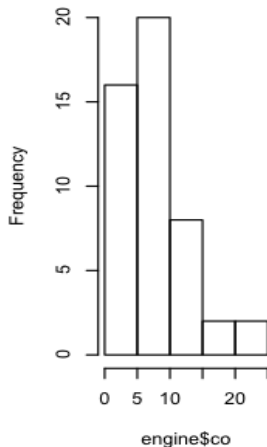
```
qqline(engine$co)
```

Walkthrough

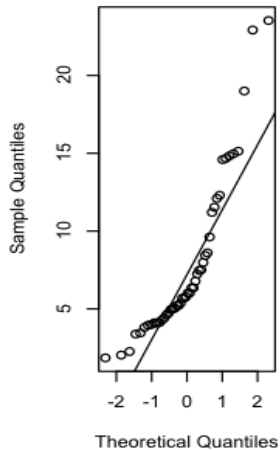
Carbon Monoxide



Histogram of engine\$co



Carbon Monoxide



Walkthrough

The null hypothesis is that the data is normal

```
shapiro.test(engine$co)
```

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: engine$co
```

```
W = 0.8357, p-value = 9.289e-06
```

Take the log of the CO

```
log.engine <- log(engine$co)
```

```
shapiro.test(log.engine)
```

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: log.engine
```

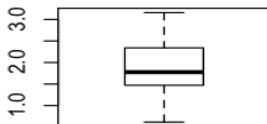
```
W = 0.9693, p-value = 0.2379
```

Walkthrough

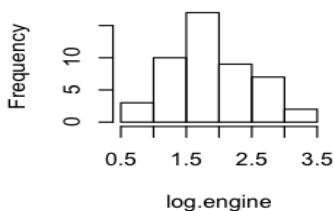
```
par(mfrow=c(2,2))  
  
log.engine <- log(engine$co)  
  
boxplot(log.engine,main="Carbon Monoxide")  
  
hist(log.engine,main="Carbon Monoxide")  
  
qqnorm(log.engine,main="QQ Plot for the Log of the  
Carbon Monoxide")  
  
qqline(log.engine)
```

Walkthrough

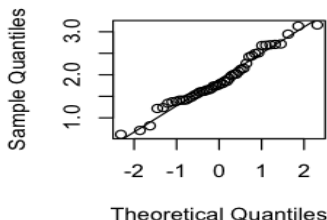
Carbon Monoxide



Carbon Monoxide



QQ Plot for the Log of the Carbon Monox



Walkthrough

```
# Let's build a confidence interval
```

```
my.mean <- mean(log.engine)
```

```
my.sd <- sd(log.engine)
```

```
n <- length(log.engine)
```

```
# Get standard error
```

```
se <- my.sd/sqrt(n)
```

```
error <- se*qt(0.975,df=n-1)
```

```
left <- my.mean - error
```

```
right <- my.mean + error
```

```
c(left,right)
```

```
[1] 1.709925 2.057431
```

```
c(exp(left),exp(right))
```

```
[1] 5.528548 7.825840
```


Walkthrough

```
# Test H0: mu = 5.4
# HA:mu != 5.4

lNull <- log(5.4) - error

rNull <- log(5.4) + error

c(lNull,rNull)
[1] 1.512646 1.860152

my.mean
[1] 1.883678
```

So the mean is outside the range thus we reject the null. There is a low probability that we would have obtained our sample mean if the true mean really was 5.4

Walkthrough

We could have calculated a p-value by hand

```
p.val <- 2*(1-pt((my.mean-log(5.4))/se,df=n-1))
```

```
p.val  
[1] 0.02692539
```

But its easier to call a procedure to do it all !!!!

```
t.test(log.engine,mu = log(5.4),alternative = "two.sided")
```

One Sample t-test

data: log.engine

t = 2.2841, df = 47, p-value = 0.02693

alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 1.686399

95 percent confidence interval:

1.709925 2.057431

sample estimates:

mean of x

1.883678

First R Session

```
?mean                # Get help on the mean function

example(kmeans)      # Run an example of kmeans (if it exists)

pi                    # Some popular quantities are built-in to R
[1] 3.141593

sqrt(2) # Basic arithmetic
[1] 1.414214

print(pi) # Print the comments of the pi variable
[1] 3.141593

X <- 3; Y <- 4 # Semicolon lets you enter 2 commands on the same line

Z <- sqrt(X^2 + Y^2) # Variables contain information

# List all variables in the "environment"

ls()
[1] "X" "Y" "Z"
```

<code>log(10)</code> [1] 2.302585	<code>ceiling(6.8)</code> [1] 7	<code>2+3</code> [1] 5
<code>log10(100)</code> [1] 2	<code>round(6.889,2)</code> [1] 6.89	<code>3/2</code> [1] 1.5
<code>sin(pi/2)</code> [1] 1	<code>3/0</code> [1] Inf	<code>2^3</code> [1] 8
<code>cos(pi/2)</code> [1] 6.123234e-17	<code>0/0</code> [1] NaN	<code>(56-14)/6 - 4*7*10/(5^2-5)</code> [1] -7
<code>1.3e6</code> [1] 1300000	<code>is.finite(3)</code> [1] TRUE	<code>abs(2-4)</code> [1] 2
<code>9 %% 2</code> [1] 1	<code>x <- c(1:8,NA)</code> [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 NA	
<code>floor(5.7)</code> [1] 5	<code>mean(x)</code> NA	

Common Operators

RELATIONAL OPERATORS

Equal to	==	if (myvar == "test") {print("EQ")}
	==	if (mynum == 3) {print("EQ")}
Not equal to	!=	if (myvar != "test") {print("NE")}
Less than or equal to	<=	if (number <= 5) {print("LTE")}
Less than	<	if (number < 10) {print("LT")}
Greater than or equal to	>=	if (number >= 10) {print("GTE")}
Greater than	>	if (number > 12) {print("GT")}

BOOLEAN OPERATORS

And	&	if ((myvar == "test") & (num <= 10)) { print("Equal and less than") }
Not	!	if (!complete.cases(myvec)) { print("Non complete cases") }
Or		if ((num > 3) (num < -3)) { print("Only one of these has to be true") }

More Examples

Here are some popular math formulas rewritten in R. Note that the variables must first exist in order for the formula to do an actual computation.

```
# a^2 + b^2 = c^2                                # Pythagorean Theorem

a <- 2; b <- 4

c <- sqrt(a^2 + b^2)                             # To solve the PT for c

a <- 2; b <- 4; c <- 1

(-b + sqrt(b^2-4*a*c)) / (2*a)                   # First case quadratic formula solution

(-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c)) / (2*a)                # Second case quadratic formula solution
r <- 4; h <- 6; b <- 3

circumference <- 2*pi*r                          # circumference of a circle

area <- (b*h)/2 # Area of a triangle
```

More Examples

You can create expressions that can be evaluated later. The variables they reference don't have to exist. They are placeholders.

```
area <- expression( (b*h)/2 )
```

```
# Solve where b =3 and h = 4
```

```
b <- 3
```

```
h <- 4
```

```
eval(area)
```

```
[1] 6
```

Expressions

```
r1 <- expression((-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c)) / (2*a))  
r2 <- expression((-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c)) / (2*a))  
# Solve for  $ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a = 1$ ,  $b=6$ , and  $c=8$ 
```

```
a = 1 ; b=6 ; c=8  
eval(r1)
```

```
[1] -2
```

```
eval(r2)
```

```
[1] -4
```

```
a*eval(r1)^2 + b*eval(r1) + c
```

```
[1] 0
```

```
a*eval(r2)^2 + b*eval(r2) + c
```

```
[1] 0
```


Expressions

We can create functions which are “grown up ” expressions.

```
my.quad <- function(a,b,c) {  
  r1 <- (-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c)) / (2*a)  
  r2 <- (-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c)) / (2*a)  
  my.roots = c(r1,r2)  
  return(my.roots)  
}  
# Solve for  $ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a = 1$ ,  $b=6$ , and  $c=8$   
  
my.quad(1,6,8)  
  
[1] -2 -4
```

Startup

- You can use the Preferences menu item in RStudio to specify your default home directory
- When R starts it looks for a file called `.Rprofile` within your home directory
- You can influence the R environment by setting a number of “startup” variables therein
- Use your favorite editor to create/edit this file in your default folder
- You can change many of these variables or options during an R session but if you want them to be permanent then you will need to edit the `.Rprofile` file

Startup .Rprofile

```
# Things you might want to change
```

```
options(editor="notepad")
cd = setwd
pwd = getwd
lss = dir
```

```
# R interactive prompt
```

```
setwd("/Users/fender/steve.test") # Set's my default directory for me.
options(prompt="> ")
options(continue="+ ")
```

```
# General options
```

```
options(digits=3)
options(width = 130)
options(graphics.record=TRUE)
```

```
.First <- function(){                                # You can load functions
```

```
library(Hmisc)
cat("\nWelcome at", date(), "\n")
}
```

```
.Last <- function(){
cat("\nGoodbye at ", date(), "\n")
}
```

Workspace - Being Organized

Being organized helps ! Knowing how to find stuff quickly is essential.
Create a master folder that will contain your work in this class.

You can create subfolders according to your projects. Note that some people do this on a DropBox folder to insure that all work is backed up.

```
$ ls RProjects
RProjects
  Data_Files
  Genomes
    1000_Genomes
    Centenarians
  HIV
    Replicates
  Hepatitis
    Hep_A
    Hep_B
```

Workspace - Navigating Directories

There are a number of functions that allow you to “move” around in your folder structure. These are important to know because sometimes you will need to write code that needs to refer to specific folders and files during execution.

```
getwd()  
[1] "/Users/fender/TEST.DIR"
```

```
setwd("/Users/fender")  
getwd()  
[1] "/Users/fender"
```

```
setwd("/Users/fender/TEST.DIR")  
getwd()  
[1] "/Users/fender/TEST.DIR"
```

```
dir()  
[1] "coolpkg" "coolpkg_1.0.tar.gz" "coolpkg.pdf" "coolpkg.Rcheck"  
"g.Rd" "stuff.R"
```

Workspace - Listing Files

R also has some functions that list files in a folder. You can do this visually within R Studio although sometimes you will need to use these commands to open and read in files as part of a program.

```
myfiles <- list.files()

str(myfiles)
chr [1:29] "001.csv" "002.csv" "003.csv" "004.csv" "005.csv" "006.csv" ...

myfiles[1:5]
[1] "001.csv" "002.csv" "003.csv" "004.csv" "005.csv"

# You could write a for-loop to process each and every file

for (ii in 1:length(myfiles)) {
  file <- myfiles[ii]
  # Do something
}
```

Workspace - ls()

R creates an environment for each session you initiate. This is very useful because it accumulates all your variables and objects while you experiment with data.

Over time your environment will accumulate lots of variables. In general this is good because you don't lose anything. The **ls()** function can show you what objects you currently have in your environment.

```
ls()
[1] "access_log"      "cntr"
[3] "ii"              "init"
[5] "mpg"             "mtcars"
[7] "mymean"          "myrle"
[9] "mystr"           "nhanes1"
[11] "retvec"          "retvectr"
[13] "SacramentocrimeJanuary2006" "Sacramentorealestatetransactions"
[15] "SalesJan2009"
```

Workspace - rm()

You can remove one or more objects using the **rm()** function

```
ls()
[1] "access_log"      "cntr"
[3] "ii"              "init"
[5] "mpg"             "mtcars"
[7] "mymean"          "myrle"
[9] "mystr"           "nhanes1"
[11] "retvec"          "retvectr"
[13] "SacramentocrimeJanuary2006" "Sacramentorealestatetransactions"
[15] "SalesJan2009"
```

```
rm(access_log)    # Removes the object named "access_log"
```

```
access_log        # Now R can't find it
Error: object 'access_log' not found
```

```
rm(mystr,retvec,init)  # Remove more than one object at once
```


Workspace - .Rdata

When you quit R you will be asked if you wish to save your current environment to disk. If you type “y” then all objects, (and their values), will be written to a file called **.Rdata**

This is useful because when you restart R in the same folder it will read **.Rdata** which contains all previously saved information.

```
> q()
Save workspace image? [y/n/c]: y
Goodbye at Mon Oct 1 14:26:47 2012

fenders-macbook:TEST.DIR fender$ ls .Rdata
.Rdata
```

The **.Rdata** file is a “binary” file, (its contents are unintelligible to the eye), that contains all the R objects and values in between sessions. This file could be shared with others if you wanted.

Workspace - save()

You can also save one or more objects to a file using the **save()** function. The inverse of the **save()** function is the **load()** function.

```
my.lm <- lm(mpg ~ wt,mtcars)
```

```
ls(my.lm)
```

```
[1] "assign" "call" "coefficients" "df.residual" "effects" "fitted.values"  
[7] "model" "qr" "rank" "residuals" "terms" "xlevels"
```

```
save(my.lm,file="/Users/myhome/mylmresults")
```

```
# You can come back later and load this file
```

```
mylmstuff <- load("/Users/myhome/mylmresults")
```

Variables

As in most programming languages, it is customary to store or hold the results of an operation in a variable name.

In R such results are assigned with the symbols "<-" or "=". Variable names are case sensitive.

```
A <- 2.5      # The "<-" is the preferred method of assignment
```

```
A = 2.5       # This is equivalent to the above although using the "=" is  
              # discouraged except in setting function arguments.
```

```
A  
[1] 2.5
```

```
mynewvar <- X + 3
```

```
MYNEWVAR <- X + 3      # Two different variables
```

Variables

- R has several one-letter reserved words: c, q, s, t, C, D, F, I, T
- Variables cannot begin with the period characters “.”
- Variable names are case sensitive, so “myvar” is different from “Myvar”
- Variable names cannot begin with numbers or symbols (%, \$, _)
- Variable names cannot contain spaces in the name (“my var”)

Variables

mean.height	.mean.height
smoker	_myvariable
non.smoker	_Mean.height
temp.var	1variable
patient_id	1_variable
Eye.Color	%some.var
State_Population	some.var
disease.state	"some var"
White_Cell_Count	\$myvar
jobTitle	

Reading and Writing Files

R has a number of builtin example data frames. One common way to import data is via “.csv” files. Before we consider reading a .csv file let's first create one.

```
head(mtcars)
```

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1

```
write.table(mtcars,file="mtcars.csv",  
            row.names=TRUE,           # Row names get saved  
            col.names=TRUE,          # Header gets saved  
            sep=",")                 # Field separator is ,
```

```
$ head mtcars.csv
```

```
"mpg","cyl","disp","hp","drat","wt","qsec","vs","am","gear","carb"  
"Mazda RX4",21,6,160,110,3.9,2.62,16.46,0,1,4,4  
"Mazda RX4 Wag",21,6,160,110,3.9,2.875,17.02,0,1,4,4
```

Reading and Writing Files

The first line of `mtcars.csv` describes the column names. Each subsequent row represents an observation with each field being separated by a “,”.
Let's read it in:

```
mycars <- read.table("mtcars.csv",header=TRUE,sep=",")
```

```
head(mycars)
```

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
Valiant	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1

Sinking Your Work

You can read CSV files directly from the Internet as long as you have the URL.

```
prefix <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/stevie42/bios545_spring_2021"
suffix <- "master/DATA.DIR/hsb2.csv"
url <- paste(prefix,suffix,sep="/")

my.input <- read.table(url,header=T,sep=",")

head(my.input)
```

	gender	id	race	ses	schtyp	prgtype	read	write	math	science	socst
1	0	70	4	1	1	general	57	52	41	47	57
2	1	121	4	2	1	vocati	68	59	53	63	61
3	0	86	4	3	1	general	44	33	54	58	31
4	0	141	4	3	1	vocati	63	44	47	53	56
5	0	172	4	2	1	academic	47	52	57	53	61
6	0	113	4	2	1	academic	44	52	51	63	61

Reading Excel Files

One can read Excel spreadsheets although it is recommended to save it into a .csv file and then import it into R using **read.table()** function. However, there are several addon packages to do this. Here I describe the **readxl** package which, unlike other Excel translation packages, has no external dependencies on things like Java.



readxl

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Reading Excel Files

The best package for reading Excel files is the readxl package.

```
install.packages("readxl")  
library(readxl)
```

```
prefix <- "https://github.com/steviep42/bios545_spring_2021"  
suffix <- "/raw/master/DATA.DIR/nursing_home.xlsx"  
url <- paste(prefix,suffix,sep="")  
download.file(url,"nursing_home.xlsx")
```

```
nursing <- read_excel("nursing_home.xlsx")
```

```
nursing[1:5,1:6]
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 6
```

```
  `Federal Provid...` `Provider Name` `Provider Addre...` `Provider City`  
    <dbl> <chr>          <chr>          <chr>  
1      195517 UNITY NURSING ... 1539 DELACHAISE... NEW ORLEANS  
2      195520 PRINCETON PLAC... 1405 WHITE STRE... RUSTON  
3      195504 PLANTATION OAK... 110 MAPLE STREET WISNER  
4      195501 HARVEST MANOR ... 9171 COCKERHAM ... DENHAM SPRINGS  
5      195507 HERITAGE MANOR... 2020 W. MAIN ST... VILLE PLATTE  
# ... with 2 more variables: `Provider State` <chr>, `Provider Zip Code` <dbl>
```

Reading Excel Files

It is also possible to write Excel files. This example takes the internal data frame USArrests and saves a version of it into an Excel worksheet.

```
library(xlsx)
write.xlsx(USArrests, file="myworkbook.xlsx",
           sheetName="USA Arrests")
```

```
# To add multiple data sets in the same Excel workbook, you have to
# use the argument append = TRUE. This is illustrated in the following
# R code :
```

```
# Write the first data set in a new workbook
```

```
write.xlsx(USArrests, file="myworkbook.xlsx",
           sheetName="USA\ -ARRESTS", append=FALSE)
```

```
# Add a second data set in a new worksheet
```

```
write.xlsx(mtcars, file="myworkbook.xlsx", sheetName="MTCARS",
           append=TRUE)
```

Reading Files from Other Packages

It is possible to read data sets from other statistical packages although I think the best way is to first export data to CSV files and then into R. But here are the available functions.

Function(s)	Purpose
read.epinfo	Read saved objects from EpiInfo
read.xport	Read saved objects in SAS export format
read.spss	Read saved objects from SPSS written using the save or export command
read.systat	Read saved objects from SYSTAT rectangular (mtype=1) data only
read.dta	Read saved objects from STATA (versions 5-9)
read.mtp	Read Minitab Portable Worksheet Files
read.octave	Read saved objects from GNU octave
read.dbf	Read or write saved objects from DBF files (FoxPro, dBase,etc)

Reading SAS Files

More recently there is the haven package which can read SAS system files

```
library(haven) # Needed to read SAS files
```

```
url <- "http://www.principlesofeconometrics.com/sas/airline.sas7bdat"
```

```
destfile <- "airline.sas7bdat"
```

```
download.file(url,destfile)      # Get a SAS system file
```

```
# Read it in and it's now an R data frame
```

```
df <- read_sas("airline.sas7bdat")
```

```
names(df)[1:10]
```

```
[1] "EDSRA_Family_ID"
```

```
[2] "Event_Name"
```

```
[3] "Heart_Status_Assigned_(choice=Complete_AVSD)"
```

```
[4] "Heart_Status_Assigned_(choice=No_CHD)"
```

```
[5] "Heart_Status_Assigned_(choice=Partial_AVSD)"
```

```
[6] "Heart_Status_Assigned_(choice=ASD)"
```

```
[7] "Heart_Status_Assigned_(choice=VSD)"
```

```
[8] "Heart_Status_Assigned_(choice=TOF)"
```

```
[9] "Heart_Status_Assigned_(choice=Vessel_Abnormality)"
```

```
[10] "Heart_Status_Assigned_(choice=PAH)"
```

Reading Files from Other Packages

R can process XML files which is a format that underlies many websites that distribute interesting data. As an example we can use R and XML to “geocode” cities.

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<https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/geocoding/>

Reading XML

```
- <GeocodeResponse>
  <status>OK</status>
  - <result>
    <type>locality</type>
    <type>political</type>
    <formatted_address>Atlanta, GA, USA</formatted_address>
  - <address_component>
    <long_name>Atlanta</long_name>
    <short_name>Atlanta</short_name>
    <type>locality</type>
    <type>political</type>
  </address_component>
  - <address_component>
    <long_name>Fulton</long_name>
    <short_name>Fulton</short_name>
    <type>administrative_area_level_2</type>
    <type>political</type>
  </address_component>
```

Reading XML

As an example we'll get the latitude and longitude corresponding to the city of Atlanta, Georgia

```
library(RCurl)
library(XML)

my.url <- "http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/xml?"
address <- "address=Atlanta,GA&sensor=false"
txt <- getURL(paste(my.url,address,sep=""))
hold <- xmlTreeParse(txt,useInternalNodes=TRUE)

hold
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<GeocodeResponse>
<status>OK</status>
<result>
<type>locality</type>
..
..

place <- getNodeSet(hold,"//GeocodeResponse/result[1]/geometry/location[1]/*")
as.numeric(sapply(place,xmlValue))
[1] 33.74900 -84.38798
```


Web Scrapping

Let's read a web page from R

```
library(rvest)
url <- "https://coinmarketcap.com/all/views/all/"
bc <- read_html(url)

bc_table <- bc %>%
  html_nodes('table') %>%
  html_table() %>% .[[3]]

bc_table <- bc_table[,c(2:3,5)]
bc_table <- bc_table %>% mutate(Price=gsub("\\$", "", Price))
bc_table <- bc_table %>% mutate(Price=gsub(",", "", Price))
bc_table <- bc_table %>% mutate(Price=round(as.numeric(Price),2))

# There are four rows wherein the Price is missing NA
bc_table <- bc_table %>% filter(complete.cases(bc_table))

# Let's get the Crypto currencies with the Top 10 highest prices
top_10 <- bc_table %>% arrange(desc(Price)) %>% head(10)
top_10
```

Web Scrapping

Let's read a web page from R

```
top_10
```

	Name	Symbol	Price
1	Bitcoin	BTC	32247.51
2	Wrapped Bitcoin	WBTC	32180.87
3	renBTC	RENBTC	32142.78
4	Bitcoin BEP2	BTCB	32109.64
5	yearn.finance	YFI	30191.54
6	PAX Gold	PAXG	1861.69
7	DFI.Money	YFII	1788.50
8	Maker	MKR	1425.42
9	Ethereum	ETH	1351.39
10	Bitcoin Cash	BCH	426.52

```
# Make a barplot of the Top 10 - Take the log of the price
ylim=c(0,max(log(top_10$Price))+5)
main="Top 10 Crypto Currencies in Terms of log(Price)"
bp <- barplot(log(top_10$Price),col="aquamarine",
              ylim=ylim,main=main)
axis(1, at=bp, labels=top_10$Symbol, cex.axis = 0.7)
grid()
```

Web Scraping

Top 10 Crypto Currencies in Terms of log(Price)

