## Consulting in Statistics and Statistics Software

#### Introduction to R

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R Basics

In this section we will have a look at ...

...R & RStudio

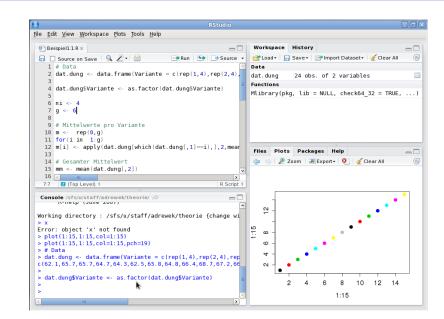
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#### R is...

- free
- open-source
- flexible
- expandable with thousands of add-on packages: http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/
- widely used both in academia and industry
- teaser: http://shiny.rstudio.com/gallery/



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#### R and RStudio: the basics

#### **RStudio**

- Write your code in a script file inside the source code editor
- Execute R code by sending lines of code from editor to R console
- Add comments using the hashtag # (enables automatic sectioning of code in RStudio)
  - ▶ No lines of code are lost when R is shut down or crashes
  - ► Assures reproducible code/coding
  - ▶ Makes it easy to share your code with colleagues or reviewers

- Send Code to Console: Ctrl+Enter (Mac: Cmd+Enter) or Menu Button Run
- Code Completion: RStudio supports the automatic completion of code using the Tab key.
- Previous Commands: recall previous commands using the arrow key
   Up or Ctrl+Up
- Console Title Bar: current working directory and key to interrupt R during a long computation
- Clear Console with Ctrl+L
- Assignments (<-) with Alt+Minus

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#### R as a calculator

```
> sqrt(2)
[1] 1.4142
> x <- 3
> y <- x^2
> x + y
[1] 12
> sin(2 * pi)
[1] -2.4493e-16
```

#### Creating vectors

```
> c(1, 5, 80)
[1] 1 5 80
> 2:11
  [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
> a <- c(1, 6, 10, 22, 7, 13)
> mean(a)
[1] 9.8333
> sum(a)
[1] 59
```

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#### R and RStudio: Basics

#### Creating matrices and data frames

```
> matrix()
     [,1]
[1,] NA
> m <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, ncol=2, byrow = TRUE)
> m
     [,1] [,2]
     1
[3,]
      5
> data.frame()
data frame with 0 columns and 0 rows
> df <- data.frame(Name = c("Ich","Du","Er"),</pre>
          Geschlecht = as.factor(c(0,1,0)), Alter = c(21,47,33))
> df
  Name Geschlecht Alter
1 Ich
                     21
                     47
   Du
                     33
```

#### R and RStudio: details

In the R console, you see the prompt: >

You type a command, get a result and a new prompt.

> 3 + 4
[1] 7

An incomplete statement can be continued on the next line

> 3 \* (4 + + 2)

[1] 18

An incomplete statement is indicated by the prompt: +

 Check that prompt is > after error message before further code execution

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## Assignment and Workspace

An R statement may consist of

• an assignment:

```
> t.a <- 3 * (4 + 2)
> t.b <- t.a + 2.5
```

stores the result of the calculation under t.a resp. t.b.

• a name of an object: displays object

```
> t.a
[1] 18
```

• a call to a function: numerical or graphical result

```
> mean(c(t.a,t.b))
[1] 19.25
> mn <- mean(c(t.a,t.b))</pre>
```

A function is called by its name followed by ().

- Everything in R is an object and has a certain name like t.a, mean, mn.
- R stores objects in your workspace

```
> t.a <- 3 * (4 + 2)
```

• ATTENTION: Overwriting an object in R throughs no warning

```
> t.a <- t.b^2
> t.a
[1] 420.25
```

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### Where to Find Help?

### Import Data Sets

- Help about any function ?foo
- If you have any question, google 'how do I ... with R'.
  - huge community
  - already asked by somebody else
- Very useful and helpful Q&A website: http://stackexchange.com/
- Cheat Sheet for Base R https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/
- R Reference Card https://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Baggott-refcard-v2.pdf
- Learning by doing is particularly true for programming

In this section we will learn how to ...

...import data sets

... change the working directory

We have a look at a data set with results of several disciplines.

#### Importing data from a website

```
> url <- "http://stat.ethz.ch/Teaching/Datasets/WBL/sport.dat"
> d.sport <- read.table(url, header = TRUE)
> head(d.sport)
          weit kugel hoch disc stab speer punkte
OBRIEN
          7.57 15.66 207 48.78 500 66.90
BUSEMANN 8.07 13.60 204 45.04 480 66.86
DVORAK
          7.60 15.82 198 46.28 470 70.16
FRITZ
          7.77 15.31 204 49.84 510 65.70
HAMALAINEN 7.48 16.32 198 49.62 500 57.66
                                            8613
NOOL
          7.88 14.01 201 42.98 540 65.48
                                            8543
```

Let's set the working directory - the folder from which to operate (e.g., save and load from). Use:

```
> getwd() ## print the current working directory
> setwd("/userdata/Documents/Rcourse/")
```

Or alternatively in RStudio use 'Session'  $\to$  'Set Working Directory'  $\to$  'Choose Directory...'

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#### Import Data: File

### Save Data or Write Data to a File

#### Importing data in R is easy

- Different ways depending on the format (csv, txt, xlsx, etc.).
- **Alternative**: use the 'Import Dataset' tool in RStudio (upper-right panel)

```
> d.sport <- read.table(file = "sport.dat", header = TRUE)
> head(d.sport)
```

To save or write data to a file:

```
• Text-files:
    > write.table(x, file = "xy.txt", sep = " ")
```

where x is the data object to be stored and xy.txt

Excel-files: Use CSV

```
> write.csv(...)
> write.csv2(...)
```

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In this section we will have a look at ...

... how indexing works

## Introductory Example: R Objects

#### R Objects:

• data frame: most essential data structure in R

```
> str(d.sport)
    'data.frame':
                        15 obs. of 7 variables:
    $ weit : num 7.57 8.07 7.6 7.77 7.48 7.88 7.64 7.61 7.27 7.49 ...
    $ kugel : num 15.7 13.6 15.8 15.3 16.3 ...
    $ hoch : int 207 204 198 204 198 201 195 213 207 204 ...
    $ disc : num 48.8 45 46.3 49.8 49.6 ...
    $ stab : int 500 480 470 510 500 540 540 520 470 470 ...
    $ speer : num 66.9 66.9 70.2 65.7 57.7 ...
    $ punkte: int 8824 8706 8664 8644 8613 8543 8422 8318 8307 8300 ...
• vector, e.g. a column of the data set d.sport
    > kugel <- d.sport$kugel</pre>
   > str(kugel)
    num [1:15] 15.7 13.6 15.8 15.3 16.3 ...
   > participant <- rownames(d.sport)
    > str(participant)
    chr [1:15] "OBRIEN" "BUSEMANN" "DVORAK" "FRITZ" "HAMALAINEN" "NOOL" ...
```

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...R objects

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### Introductory Example: Select Elements I

## Accessing Parts of an Object

#### Select elements:

Goal is to look at or use a part of your object

To access only part of an object, use [ ]:

- for vectors: myvector[x]
- for two-dimensional objects, e.g. data frames or matrices: mydata.frame[x, y]

Specify the indices by a vector (e.g. c(1, 2, 6)) and separate the indices of different dimensions by commas

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#### Function Calls

Let's play around with the indexing of a data frame: two-dimensional object!

```
> d.sport[ , ]
> c(1, 3, 7)
> 1:10
> d.sport[1:10 , ]
> d.sport[-c( 1, 3, 7), ] # negative indices are excluded
> d.sport[ , 2:3]
> d.sport[c(1, 3, 6), 2:3]
```

```
In this section we will have a look at ...
...basic function calls
...mandatory and optional arguments
...R packages
```

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### Introductory Example: Functions

#### Function Call

### Example function calls:

```
> mean(d.sport$kugel)
[1] 15.199
> quantile(d.sport$kugel)
    0% 25% 50% 75% 100%
13.53 14.60 15.31 15.74 16.97
> quantile(d.sport$kugel, probs = c(0.75, 0.9))
    75% 90%
15.740 16.674
```

Check out the function's help file:

> ?mean

• Functions consist of mandatory and optional arguments:

```
mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
x: mandatory argument
trim: optional argument, default is 0
na.rm: optional argument, default is FALSE
```

The arguments of a function have a defined order and each argument has its own unique name.

```
> mean(x = d.sport$kugel, na.rm = TRUE)
```

You can either use the names of the arguments, or place the values in the correct order (or a mix of both):

```
> mean(d.sport$kugel, ,TRUE)
```

Example functions with no mandatory arguments: matrix(), vector(), array(), list()

> ?matrix

Useful functions (look for help by typing ?str):

- str()
- nrow() and ncol()
- dim()
- summary()
- apply()
- head() and tail()

see also R Reference card

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## **Packages**

### Missing values

By default, R only provides a basic set of functions. Additional functions (and datasets) are obtained by loading additional add-on packages:

- Install and load:
  - > install.packages("MASS") # install onto computer once > require(MASS) # for every R session. Alternatively: > library(MASS)
- Online resources:
  - ▶ list of all packages: http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/
  - by topic: http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/
  - ask Google

In this section we will have a look at ....

... missing values

Very common with real data. Let's fake the situation for the d.sport data.

```
> d.sport.NA <- d.sport
> d.sport.NA[2, "kugel"] <- NA
> d.sport.NA[3, "hoch"] <- -999</pre>
```

In R, missing values are coded as NA (not available) and are treated in a special way, e.g. is.na():

Specify missing values while reading in the data, or afterwards:

```
> d.sport.NA[d.sport.NA == -999] <- NA
> ## alternatively, while reading in the data:
> d.sport <- read.csv("sport.dat", header = TRUE, na.strings = c("NA", "-999"))</pre>
```

Many functions have an argument to handle missing values, e.g. na.rm, na.omit:

```
> sum(d.sport.NA$kugel)
> sum(d.sport.NA$kugel, na.rm = TRUE)
```

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### Missing Values

Basic Graphics

Drop observations (rows) that contain an NA:

```
> na.omit(d.sport.NA)
```

In this section we will have a look at ...

... basic plot functions

...alternative R packages for graphics

R comes with built-in data sets, e.g. iris:

```
> data(iris) # now it shows up in the RStudio environment
> iris
```

It has the following structure

```
> str(iris)
                     150 obs. of 5 variables:
'data.frame':
$ Sepal.Length: num 5.1 4.9 4.7 4.6 5 5.4 4.6 5 4.4 4.9 ...
$ Sepal.Width : num 3.5 3 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9 3.4 3.4 2.9 3.1 ...
$ Petal.Length: num 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.5 ...
$ Petal.Width: num 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 ...
$ Species
               : Factor w/ 3 levels "setosa", "versicolor", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

A factor is another class of values in R, representing categorical values with different "levels". Internally it is coded with numbers (that are used to build dummy-variables in statistical models).

The plot function has only one mandatory argument which is x.

- second most important argument: y
- many optional arguments (col, pch, main, cex,...)
- check ?plot and google!
- use function par (?par) to set or query graphical parameters

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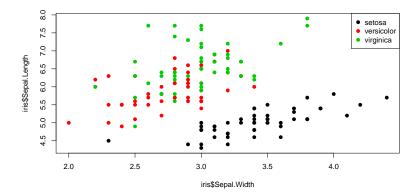
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### The plot Function

#### > # High-level plotting function: opens a plot > plot(x = iris\$Sepal.Width, y = iris\$Sepal.Length, col = iris[ , "Species"], pch = 19) > # Low-level plotting functions: add to an existing plot > legend("topright", legend = levels(iris[ ,"Species"]), pch = 19, col = 1:3) # add the legend



### The plot Function

Let's look at the previous function call step-by-step:

- execute only parts
- omit arguments one-by-one

Alternatively one could use formula notation:

```
> # same plot as on the previous slide without a legend
> plot(Sepal.Length ~ Sepal.Width,
       col = Species, pch = 19, data = iris)
```

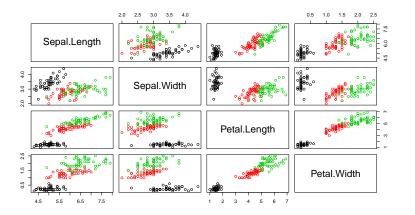
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# Arguments of plot

> pairs(iris[ , -5], col = iris[ , 5])



Statement	Meaning
type	Style of drawing (single points, lines etc.)
log	logarithmic scale
xlim	range of x-coordinates
ylim	range of y-coordinates
pch	Plotting character
col	Coloring points
lty	line type
lwd	line width
main	main title (appears above the plot)
xlab	label of x-axis
ylab	label of y-axis

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### The three categories of graphics functions

# Low-level Plotting Functions

Three categories of *R graphics functions*:

- High-level plotting functions such as plot() to generate a new graphical display.
- Low-level plotting functions such as legend() to add further graphical elements to an existing plot.
- Interactive functions such as identify()

  to amend or collect information interactively from a plot.

Statement	Meaning	
points(x, y, pch = 1)	Draws points pictured as pch.	
text(x, y, text)	Writes text at coordinate $(x, y)$ .	
lines(x, y, lty = 1)	Adds a line to graph.	
abline(a, b)	Adds a line with intercept a	
	and slope b.	
abline(h = y, v = x)	Horizontal and vertical lines.	
legend(x, y, text, lty, pch)	Creates a legend.	

# **Graphical Output**

Useful functions (look for help by typing ?foo):

- plot, pairs, interaction.plot
- boxplot, hist
- plot3d

It is easy to export R graphics. Remember to specify your working directory!

```
> pdf(file = "iris_plot.pdf") # open the graphics device
> plot(Sepal.Length ~ Sepal.Width, data = iris)
> ## add anything else you want in your plots, and when you are done, use:
> dev.off() # close the graphics device
```

Several plots in one graphical window

```
> par(mfrow=c(3, 2))
```

splits the graphical window into 3 rows and 2 columns.

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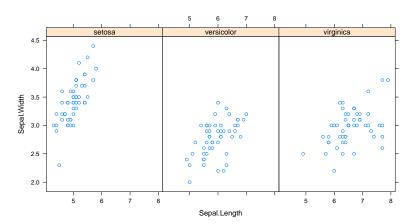
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### Newer Graphics: lattice

lattice package functions: excel at repeating graphs for various groups

- > library(lattice)
- > xyplot(Sepal.Width ~ Sepal.Length | Species, data = iris)

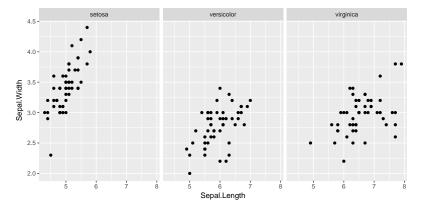


See http://www.statmethods.net/advgraphs/trellis.html for more information.

### Newer Graphics: ggplot2

ggplot2 package: very flexible, based on grammar of graphics

> library(ggplot2)
> ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
+ facet\_grid(facets = ~ Species) + geom\_point()



More information can be found on http://ggplot2.org.

### Hypothesis Tests

In this section we will have a look at ...

...t-Test and Wilcoxon rank-sum test

... Chi-square test

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### Hypothesis Tests - an Example

Is the sepal length of versicolor different to that of virginica? Let's use a t-Test and a Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

We first subset the iris data set:

```
> testdata <- iris[iris$Species != "setosa", c("Sepal.Length", "Species")]
> testdata$Species <- droplevels(testdata$Species)</pre>
> str(testdata) ## prepare and check data
                     100 obs. of 2 variables:
'data.frame':
 $ Sepal.Length: num 7 6.4 6.9 5.5 6.5 5.7 6.3 4.9 6.6 5.2 ...
               : Factor w/ 2 levels "versicolor", "virginica": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
 $ Species
```

## Hypothesis Tests - Approach

Hypothesis testing in 6 steps:

- 1 Declare model by which data were generate (e.g. population is normally distributed, large sample size and  $\sigma$  not known)
- ② Define null hypothesis  $H_0^*$  and alternative hypothesis  $H_A^{**}$ 
  - ▶ \*The statement being tested in a test of [statistical] significance. Test the strength of the evidence against the null hypothesis.
  - ▶ \*\* The statement that is hoped or expected to be true instead of the null hypothesis.
- **3** Choose the level of significance  $\alpha$
- Determine critical values for the level of significance  $\alpha$  and degrees of freedom df = (n-1)
- **1** Define and calculate test statistic, e.g. one-sample test,  $t = \frac{x \mu_0}{s_v / \sqrt{n}}$
- 6 Compare the test statistic to the critical values and make decision: reject or fail to reject  $H_0$

### Hypothesis Tests - an Example

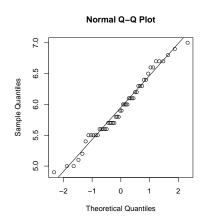
Check normality assumption of t-Test using QQ-Plot:

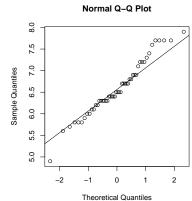
```
> versi.id <- testdata$Species == "versicolor"</pre>
```

> par(mfrow=c(1,2))

> qqnorm(testdata\$Sepal.Length[versi.id]); qqline(testdata\$Sepal.Length[versi.id])

> qqnorm(testdata\$Sepal.Length[!versi.id]); qqline(testdata\$Sepal.Length[!versi.id





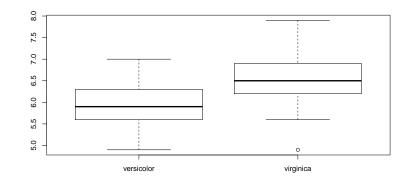
## Hypothesis Tests - an Example

#### Two sample t-test:

t-test rejects the null hypothesis at 5% significance level. Don't forget to visually check the normality assumptions (QQ-Plot).

Check assumption of Wilcoxon Rank Test: same distribution, just a location shift

> boxplot(testdata\$Sepal.Length ~ testdata\$Species)



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### Hypothesis Tests - an Example

### Hypothesis Tests

#### Now, perform the test

Wilcoxon Rank Test also rejects the null hypothesis at 5% significance level. Wilcoxon Rank Test is the prefered test for a two-samples statistical test!

#### How to proceed:

- Formulate null and alternative hypotheses
- Choose appropriate test
- Collect data, i.e. do an experiment
- Look at data: plot(), pairs(), hist(), boxplot()
- Validate assumptions for test
- Carry out the test and interpret result

	1 sample / 2 dep. samples	2 indep. samples	
parametric	t-Test	t-Test	
	ightarrow normality	ightarrow normality	
		(& equal variance)	
non-param.	Wilcoxon Test (signed rank)	Wilcoxon Test (rank sum)	
	ightarrow symmetric distribution	ightarrow location shift	

#### Hypothesis:

 $H_0$ : Independence of education and marriage status  $H_A$ : Dependence of education and marriage status

#### Example:

Education	Married once	Married > 1	Total
College	550	61	611
No College	681	144	825
Total	1231	205	1436

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### Chi-Squared Test of Independence

### Chi-Squared Test of Independence

```
> url <- "http://stat.ethz.ch/Teaching/Datasets/edu.txt"
> d.edu <- read.table(url, header = TRUE)</pre>
```

#### Cross-tables in R:

Count number of cases with same value:

Cross-table

Now we perform the Chi-squared test:

Result: Reject H<sub>0</sub>, i.e. education and marriage are dependent.

Correlation

Correlation

In this section we will have a look at ...

... correlation

...why you should plot your data

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#### Correlation

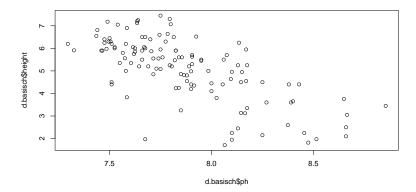
Calculate the (Pearson) correlation of ph and height

> cor(d.basisch\$ph, d.basisch\$height)

[1] -0.69257

Corresponding plot:

> plot(d.basisch\$ph, d.basisch\$height)



#### Load a new data set:

```
> url <- "http://stat.ethz.ch/Teaching/Datasets/basischOhneNA.dat"
> d.basisch <- read.table(url, header = TRUE)</pre>
```

#### Look at the structure of the object:

#### > str(d.basisch)

```
'data.frame': 123 obs. of 4 variables:

$ ph : num 7.33 7.69 7.9 8.14 7.62 ...

$ 1.sar : num 0.0969 0.4393 1 1.316 0.0607 ...

$ height: num 5.91 5.2 4.4 4.5 6.05 6 5.35 5.55 4.95 5.2 ...

$ h.quad: num 34.9 27 19.4 20.2 36.6 ...
```

- ph: pH value of soil around the tree
- I.sar: log(sodium absorption ratio)
- height: height of tree
- h.quad: square of height of tree

### Correlation

All plots show two variables with a correlation of 0.7!

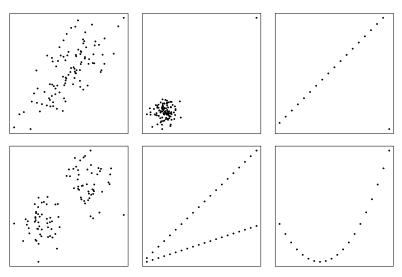


Figure: from the script Regression by Prof. H.R. Künsch

In this section we will have a look at ...

... fitting a simple linear regression model

... checking model assumptions

... fitting a multiple linear regression model

We continue working with the data set d.basisch from the correlation section.

Response variable:

• height or h.quad: Height of trees or squared height, respectively.

Possible explanatory variables:

- ph: PH-Values of soil,
- 1.sar: log(sodium absorption ratio)

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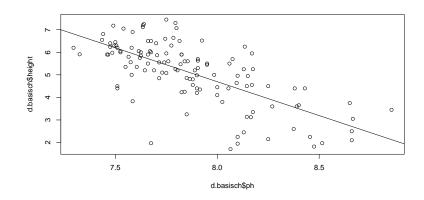
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### Simple Linear Regression

The simple linear regression model is

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta x_i + E_i, \qquad E_i \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Let us pick the variable ph as the explanatory variable.



### Simple Linear Regression

```
Fit to data using 1m:
```

```
> fit <- lm(formula = height ~ ph, data = d.basisch)</pre>
```

Show a summary of fit:

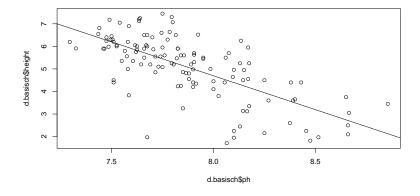
```
> summary(fit)
Call:
lm(formula = height ~ ph, data = d.basisch)
Residuals:
                                   Max
            1Q Median
-3.7020 -0.5471 0.0874 0.6663 2.0033
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 28.7227
                        2.2395
                                12.82
            -3.0034
                        0.2844 -10.56
                                         <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.008 on 121 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.4797,
                                   Adjusted R-squared: 0.4754
F-statistic: 111.5 on 1 and 121 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

## Simple Linear Regression

# Simple Linear Regression - Residual Analysis

Estimated Equation: height = 28.7 - 3.0 pH Drawing line into scatterplot:

- > plot(d.basisch\$ph, d.basisch\$height)
- > abline(fit)



Diagnostics plots are straightforward:

```
> par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
> plot(fit)
```

- Tukey-Anscombe plot (is the variance of the errors  $E_i$  constant? Is the regression function correct?)
- Q-Q plot (are the errors  $E_i$  normally distributed?)
- Scale Location plot (similar to Tukey-Anscombe plot.)
- Leverage plot (what points have a strong influence on the fit?)

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# Tukey-Anscombe

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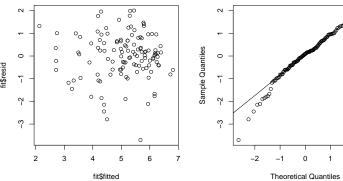
#### Residual plots by hand:

> par(mfrow = c(1,2))

> plot(fit\$fitted,fit\$resid)

# Quantil-Quantil plot

# > qqnorm(fit\$resid) > qqline(fit\$resid) # adds the diagonal line Normal Q-Q Plot



# Simple Linear Regression

### Some Tukey-Anscombe plots:

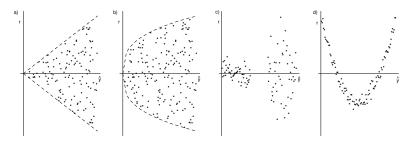


Figure: from the lecture notes "Regression" by Prof. H.R. Künsch

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## Multiple Linear Regression

Expand the simple linear model to more than one explanatory variable.

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \ldots + \beta_p x_{ip} + E_i, \quad E_i \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Fit the model with 1m:

```
> fitm <- lm(height ~ ph + l.sar, data = d.basisch)
```

```
> summary(fitm)
Call:
lm(formula = height ~ ph + l.sar, data = d.basisch)
Residuals:
   Min
            1Q Median
                                  Max
-4.1314 -0.4911 0.0849 0.6488 2.4754
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 26.9466
                       2.7445 9.818 < 2e-16 ***
            -2.7558
                       0.3603 -7.649 5.6e-12 ***
1.sar
            -0.2519
                       0.2255 - 1.117
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.007 on 120 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.485,
                                 Adjusted R-squared: 0.4764
F-statistic: 56.51 on 2 and 120 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

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### Multiple Linear Regression

### Going further

#### Residual analysis:

• Look at the same plots as for simple linear regression.

```
> plot(fitm)
```

• It may help to plot the explanatory variables against the residuals.

```
> plot(d.basisch$ph, fitm$resid)
> plot(d.basisch$l.sar, fitm$resid)
```

In this section we will briefly look at  $\dots$ 

... how to report your results

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#### Useful Cheatsheets

Knitr: awesome tool to embed your R code and results (including tables and plots) in a nicely looking document.

http://yihui.name/knitr/

Rmarkdown can be used to produce reports in any of these formats:

- PDF
- HTML
- slides
- Word document (if your collaborators require it)

http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com

Book about reproducible research:

http://christophergandrud.github.io/RepResR-RStudio/

Useful cheatsheets for R can be found here: https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/