# Introduction to R

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### R Basics

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

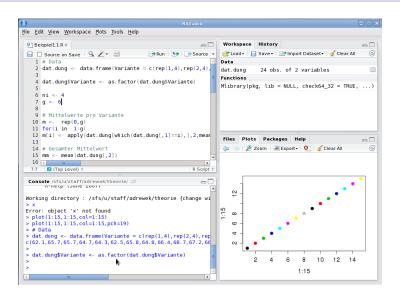
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# What is R?

#### 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/

# RStudio: Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for R



#### R and RStudio: the basics

- 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
- $\bullet$  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

## **RStudio**

- 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</li>

## R and RStudio: Basics

#### 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
```

## R and RStudio: Basics

### 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)
```

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### R and RStudio: Basics

## Creating matrices and data frames

```
> matrix()
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[1.] NA
> m <- matrix(1:6, nrow=3, ncol=2, byrow = TRUE)
> m
    [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1 2
[2,] 3 4
[3,] 5 6
> 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
2 Du
            1 47
3 Er
                    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)
```

An incomplete statement is indicated by the prompt: +

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

## R and RStudio: details

#### 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 ().

# Assignment and Workspace

- 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

# Where to Find Help?

- 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

# Import Data Sets

```
In this section we will learn how to ...
```

- ...import data sets
- ... change the working directory

# Import Data: Website

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

### Importing data from a website

7.88 14.01 201 42.98 540 65.48

NOOL

8543

# Import Data: Working Directory

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...'

# Import Data: 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)

## Save Data or Write Data to a File

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(...)
```

# R Objects & Indexing

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

- ...R objects
- ...how indexing works

# Introductory Example: R Objects

### R Objects:

data frame: most essential data structure in R

vector, e.g. a column of the data set d.sport

```
> kugel <- d.sport$kugel
> 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" ...

# Introductory Example: Select Elements I

#### Select elements:

# Accessing Parts of an Object

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

# Introductory Example: Select Elements II

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]
```

## Function Calls

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

- ... basic function calls
- ... mandatory and optional arguments
- ...R packages

# Introductory Example: Functions

## Example function calls:

#### Check out the function's help file:

> ?mean

### Function Call

• 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

## Function Call

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**

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

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

see also R Reference card

# **Packages**

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

# Missing values

```
In this section we will have a look at ...
    ... missing values
```

# 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():

# Missing Values

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)
```

# Missing Values

Drop observations (rows) that contain an NA:

> na.omit(d.sport.NA)

# **Basic Graphics**

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

- ... basic plot functions
- ...alternative R packages for graphics

#### Iris Data

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

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).

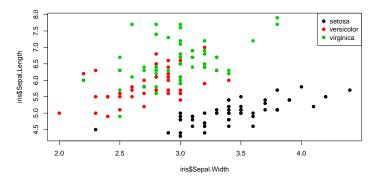
### The plot Function

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

#### 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:

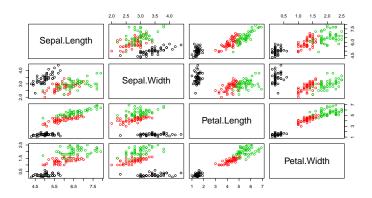
- execute only parts
- omit arguments one-by-one

#### 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)
```

### Which plot did we look at just before?

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



# Arguments of plot

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

#### The three categories of graphics 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.

# Low-level Plotting Functions

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.	

#### Useful Plot Functions

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

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

#### **Graphical Output**

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

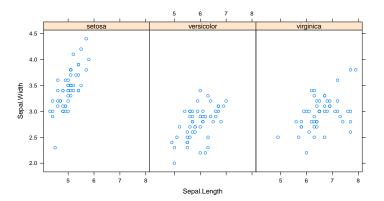
> par(mfrow=c(3, 2))

splits the graphical window into 3 rows and 2 columns.

#### Newer Graphics: lattice

lattice package functions: excel at repeating graphs for various groups

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

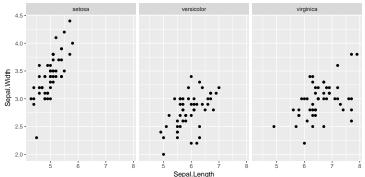


See http://www.statmethods.net/advgraphs/trellis.html for more information.

### 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

# Hypothesis Tests - Approach

#### Hypothesis testing in 6 steps:

- 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  $\alpha$
- **①** Determine critical values for the level of significance  $\alpha$  and degrees of freedom df = (n-1)
- **③** Define and calculate test statistic, e.g. one-sample test,  $t=rac{ar{x}-\mu_0}{\mathsf{s}_{\mathsf{x}}/\sqrt{n}}$
- $\bullet$  Compare the test statistic to the critical values and make decision: reject or fail to reject  $H_0$

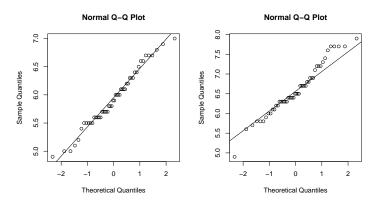
Is the sepal length of versicolor different to that of virginica? Let's use a t-Test and a Wilcoxon rank-sum test.

We first subset the iris data set:

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

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

- > versi.id <- testdata\$Species == "versicolor"
- > 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

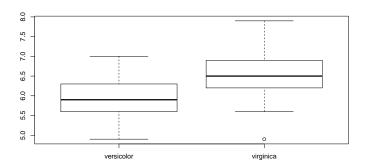


#### Two sample t-test:

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)



> versi.id <- testdata\$Species == "versicolor"
> wilcox.test(x = testdata\$Sepal.Length[versi.id],

#### Now, perform the test

```
+ y = testdata$Sepal.Length[!versi.id])
Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity correction

data: testdata$Sepal.Length[versi.id] and testdata$Sepal.Length[!versi.id]
W = 526, p-value = 5.9e-07
alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```

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!

### Hypothesis Tests

#### 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

# Hypothesis Tests

	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 Tests - Chi-Squared Test of Independence

#### 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

### 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

### Chi-Squared Test of Independence

Now we perform the Chi-squared test:

Result: Reject  $H_0$ , i.e. education and marriage are dependent.

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

- ... correlation
- ...why you should plot your data

#### Load a new data set:

> str(d.basisch)

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

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

```
'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

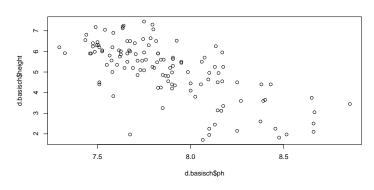
#### Calculate the (Pearson) correlation of ph and height

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

```
[1] -0.69257
```

#### Corresponding plot:

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



All plots show two variables with a correlation of 0.7!

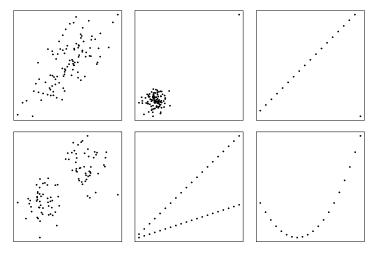


Figure: from the script Regression by Prof. H.R. Künsch

#### Regression

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

- ... fitting a simple linear regression model
- ... checking model assumptions
- ... fitting a multiple linear regression model

#### Data

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.

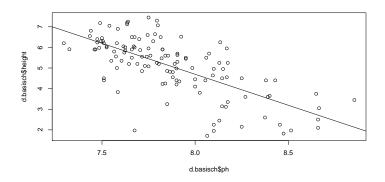
Possible explanatory variables:

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

The simple linear regression model is

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

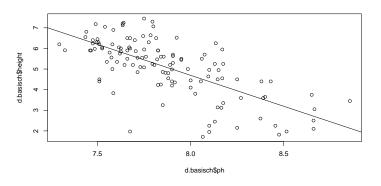
Let us pick the variable ph as the explanatory variable.



```
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:
    Min 10 Median 30 Max
 -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 <2e-16 ***
 ph
      -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
```

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

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



### Simple Linear Regression - Residual Analysis

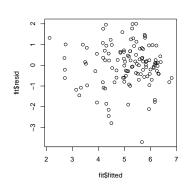
Diagnostics plots are straightforward:

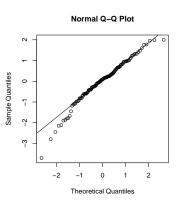
```
> par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
> plot(fit)
```

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

#### Residual plots by hand:

```
> par(mfrow = c(1,2))
> plot(fit$fitted,fit$resid)  # Tukey-Anscombe
> qqnorm(fit$resid)  # Quantil-Quantil plot
> qqline(fit$resid)  # adds the diagonal line
```





#### Some Tukey-Anscombe plots:

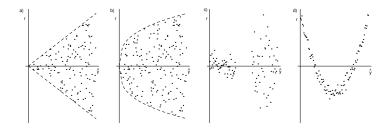


Figure: from the lecture notes "Regression" by Prof. H.R. Künsch

### 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)</pre>
```

### Multiple Linear Regression

```
> summary(fitm)
Call:
lm(formula = height ~ ph + 1.sar, data = d.basisch)
Residuals:
   Min 10 Median 30 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 ***
ph -2.7558 0.3603 -7.649 5.6e-12 ***
1.sar -0.2519 0.2255 -1.117 0.266
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
```

### Multiple Linear Regression

#### 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\$1.sar, fitm\$resid)

### Going further

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In this section we will briefly look at ...
...how to report your results
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### Report your results

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

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