

Fundamentals of Genomic Prediction and Data-Driven Crop Breeding (November, 2025)

Introduction and Learning R Software

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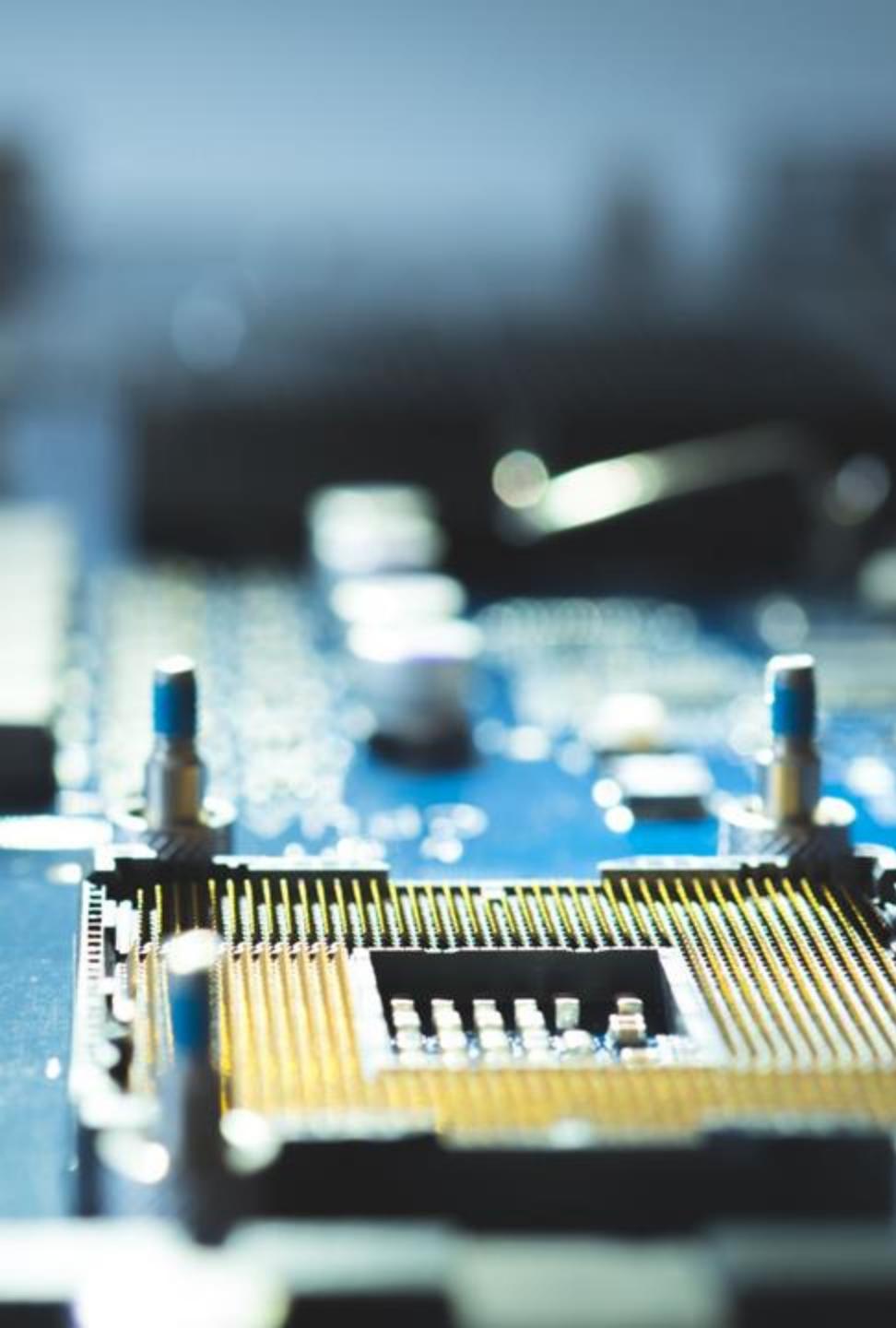
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Why should I learn R?

- R is a free open-source software and programming language.
 - Summarize, explore and model the data
- Reproducible research (code +text).
- Huge learning Resources and Community.
 - ❖ <https://bookdown.org/>.
 - ❖ <https://www.r-bloggers.com/>
 - ❖ <https://gkhajduk.github.io/R-resources/>
 - ❖ <https://www.computerworld.com/article/2497464/top-r-language-resources-to-improve-your-data-skills.html>
- Popular graphical capabilities.
- Dominant and useful variety of scientific disciplines.

In R Base functionality is extended through packages





What is R Studio

RStudio is an integrated development environment (IDE) for R

- Easy to control and manage the R scripts (point and click)
- View and interact with the objects in single environment.
- Easy to set your working directory and access files on your computer
- Graphics more accessible.

More features see the link:

<https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/features/>

Installing R and R studio

<https://rstudio.com/>

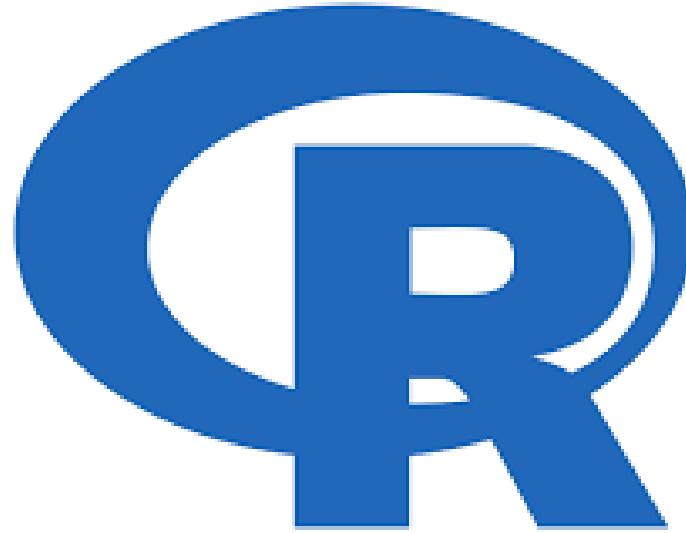
A screenshot of a web browser window showing search results for "r studio download for windows" on Google. The results page has a standard Google layout with a search bar at the top, followed by a list of links. The first link is "Download RStudio - RStudio", which leads to the official RStudio website. Other links include "Older Versions of RStudio" and "RStudio Server". The page shows various navigation links like "Products", "About", and "Contact".

<https://www.r-project.org/>

A screenshot of a web browser window showing search results for "R" on Google. The results page includes the official R Project website at the top. Below it, there's a summary of what R is, mentioning it's a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. Further down, there are links to the R Wikipedia page and a Coursera course titled "R Programming". On the right side of the page, there's a large graphic featuring the R logo.

<https://www.datacamp.com/community/tutorials/installing-R-windows-mac-ubuntu>

Installing and Loading R packages



Installing and Loading R packages

What is R package?

- Bundles of codes build by the people to perform certain tasks
- Maintained at Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN)/Bioconductor/GitHub

➤ Install from CRAN

install.package("ggplot2")

➤ Install from Bioconductor- Packages for life sciences related data

BiocManager handles all of the packages hosted on Bioconductor

install.packages("BiocManager")

BiocManager::install("SNPRelate")

BiocManager::install("phyloseq")

➤ Install from GitHub-

install.packages("devtools")

devtools::install_github("tidyverse")

Resources

<http://www.sthda.com/english/wiki/installing-and-using-r-packages>

https://astrobiomike.github.io/R/installing_packages

R Essentials, Data types and Structures



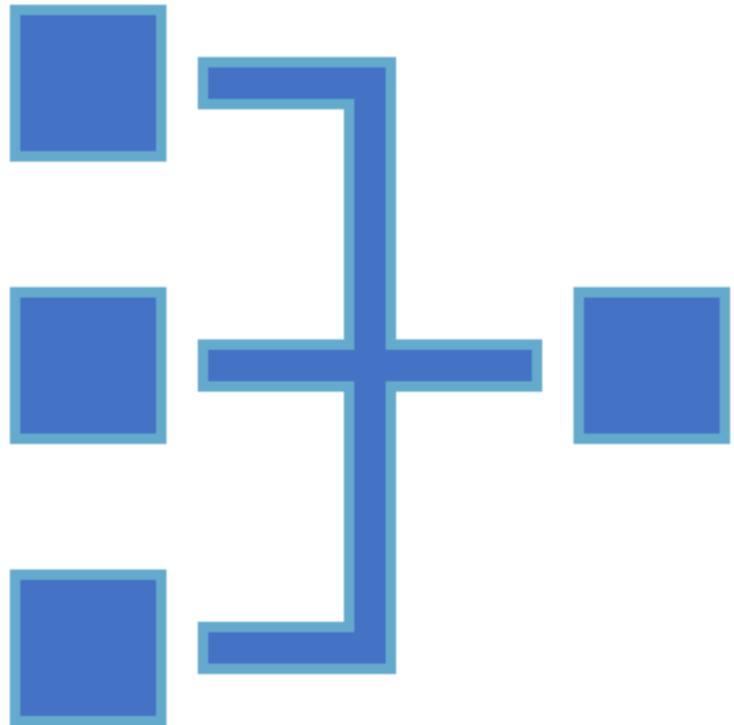
R essentials

R works on expression and objects

- **Users enters expression** (for example $2+2$)
 - Expression involves operators or function calls.
 - Expression work on Objects
- **R evaluates it**
- **And Print the Results , 4**



What are Function Calls



- Calling a function which involves one or more variables.
For example `sum(x)` or `plot (x)`. Here sum and plot are function calls.
- Function format is followed by a set of parentheses containing one or more arguments. `function()`,
Example: `plot (height, weight)`, Height and weight are the arguments
- More arguments on function `plot()`
`Plot(height, weight, pch=2, color="red".....)`
- Positional matching
`Plot(x=height, y=weight, pch=2...)`

Operators in R

- Operator is a symbol that tells the compiler to perform specific mathematical or logical manipulations.
- R language is rich in built-in operators and provides following types of operators.

Arithmetic Operators in R	
Operator	Description
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
^	Exponent
%%	Modulus (Remainder from division)
%/%	Integer Division

Relational Operators in R	
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Data types in R

Six data types are in R:

- **Character**: “Block”, “Replication”
- **Numeric** (real or decimal)- 2.4, 2, 10
- **Integer**: 2L, 3L
- **Logical**: TRUE, FALSE
- **Complex**: 1+6i

In R

class() - what kind of object is it

length()- how long it is



Data Structures in R

Vectors

- Vector is a basic data structure in R which contains a list of same elements
- Vectors are created using *function c()*
- *c()* concatenate the elements
- Examples
- `X<-c(1,2,3,4,5)` # five components
- Assignment operator in R is <-



Data Structures in R

Scalers

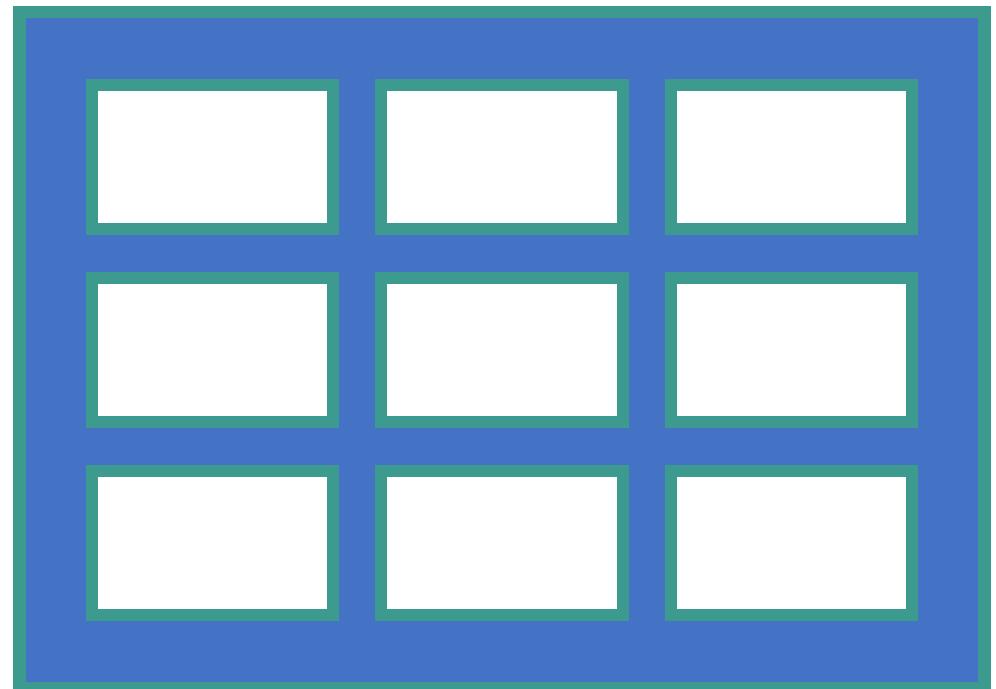
A scalar object is just a single value like a number or a name.

For example,

```
a <- 100
```

```
X<-"name"
```

Scalars don't have to be numeric, they can also be **characters** (also known as strings)



Data Structures in R

Matrices

- Matrices are numeric array of rows and columns.

Think as Stacked version of vectors where each row and column is basically a vector.

Combination of n vectors

matrix(data, nrow, ncol, byrow = FALSE)

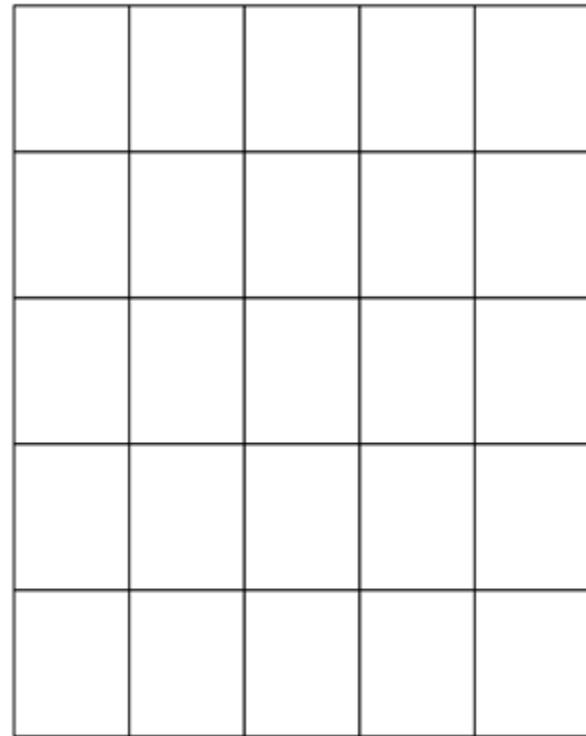
See demo how to create and deal with matrices



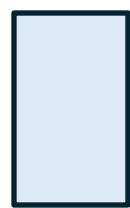
scalar



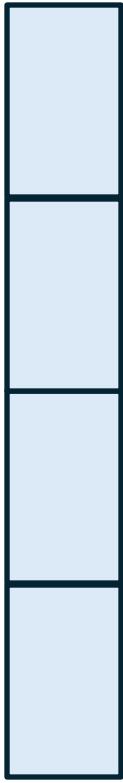
Vector



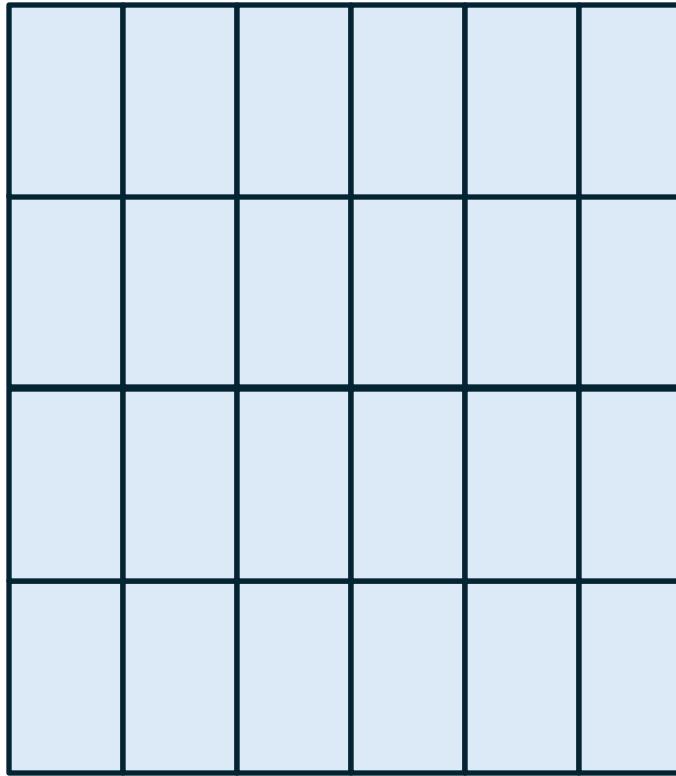
Matrix / Data Frame



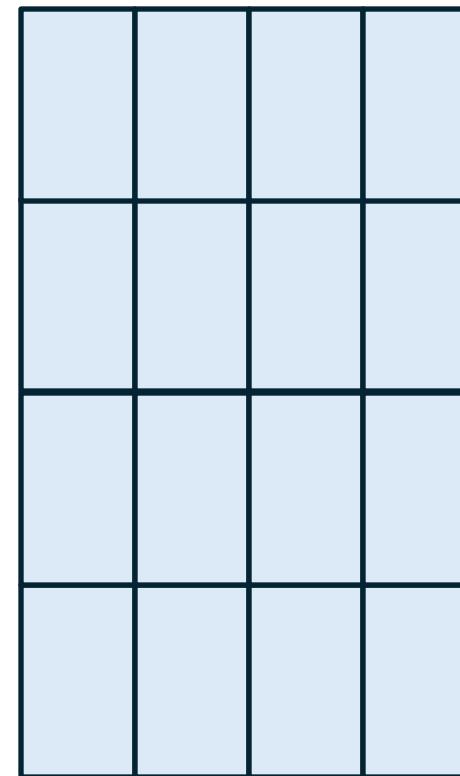
Scalar



Vector



Data frame



Matrix

Data Structures in R

LISTS

List is a data structure having components of mixed data types.

- To create a list we use function `list()`
- Demo in r



Data Structures in R

Data Frames

- More general than matrix, which has columns with different modes (numeric, character, factor).
 - A data frame can be constructed by the *data.frame()*
- Demo in r

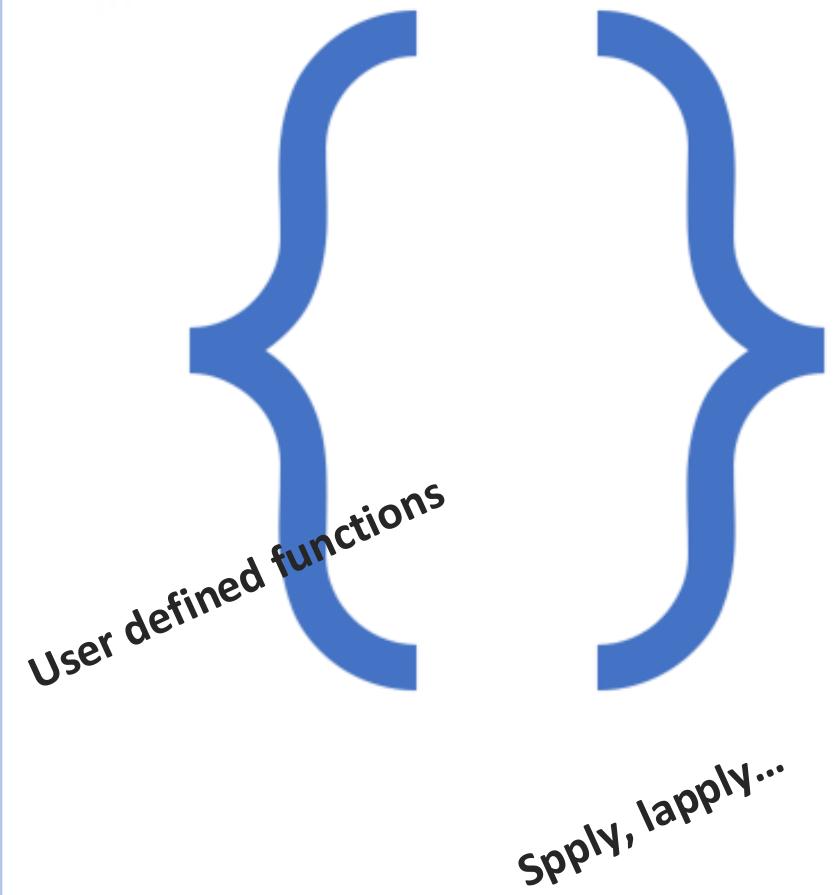
	Genotypes	Replication	Block	Yield
1	Genotyp1	1	Block1	2500
2	Genotype1	1	Block2	3500
3	Genotype2	2	Block1	3200
4	Genotype2	2	Block2	4500

Data Structures in R

FACTORS

- Factors are categorical variables with different levels or subdivisions.
- For example in plant Breeding Replications can be treated as factors with number of replications as factor levels
- RCBD design with 3 replications
- Replication has 3 levels
- *levels()* in R is used to determine number of levels





Data manipulations, Control structures and Functions

Control Structures

Allow users to control the flow of execution of a series of R expressions.

Commonly used control structures are:

- ❖ ***if and else***: testing a condition and acting on it
- ❖ ***for***: execute a loop a fixed number of times
- ❖ ***while***: execute a loop *while* a condition is true
- ❖ ***repeat***: execute an infinite loop (must break out of it to stop)
- ❖ ***break***: break the execution of a loop
- ❖ ***next***: skip an iteration of a loop

If statement

Execute a block of code, if a specified condition is true

```
if (condition) {  
    statement  
    statement  
    ...  
}  
following_statement
```

Condition
Any expression that evaluates to true or false

True branch
This is executed if the condition is true

If and else statement

Execute a block of code, if the condition is false

Syntax

```
if (condition) {  
    statement  
    statement }----> True branch  
    ...  
} else {  
    statement  
    statement }----> False branch  
    ...  
}  
following_statement
```

This is executed if the condition is true

This is executed if the condition is false

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Else If statement

Specify a new condition to test, if the first condition is false.

Demo in R

Syntax

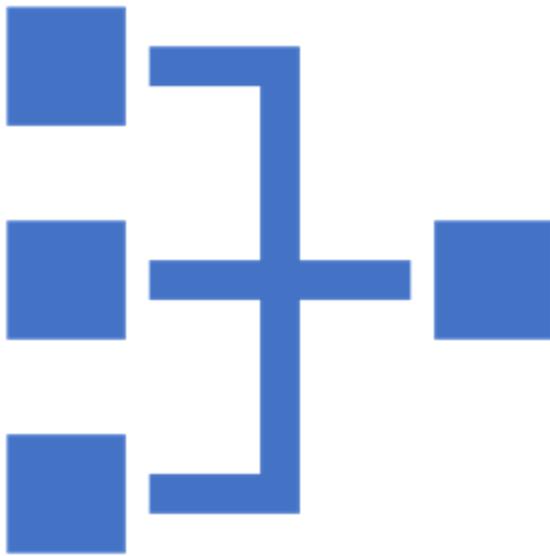
```
if (condition) {  
    statement  
    statement  
    ... }  
    } else if (condition) {  
        statement  
        statement  
        ... }  
        } else {  
            statement  
            statement  
            ... }  
            }  
            following_statement
```

New condition
A new condition to test if previous condition isn't true

First condition
This is executed if the first condition is true

False branch
This is executed if none of the conditions are true

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Demo in R

Multiple Condition Statements

Join two or more conditions into a single if statement

Logical operators: `&&` (and), `||` (or) and `!` (not). `&&` (and) expression is True, if all the conditions are true.

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Conditional statements act on single element!

Ifelse() function

function checks the condition for every element of a vector and selects elements from the specified vector depending upon the result.

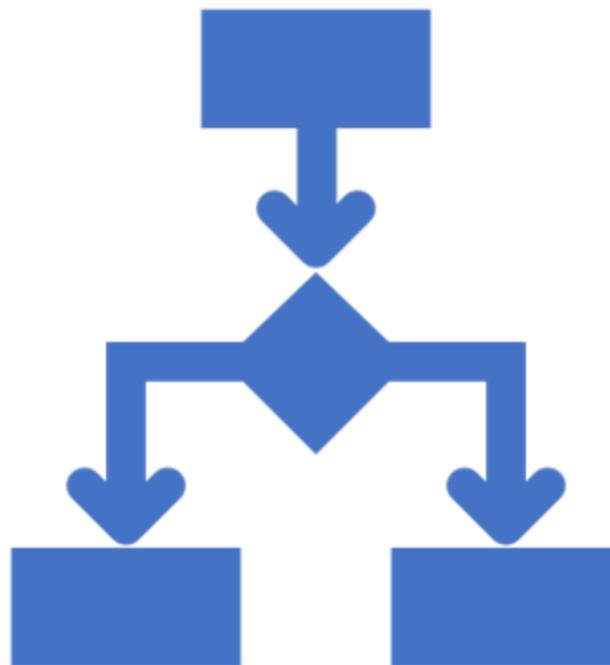
Syntax

`ifelse (condition, TrueVector, FalseVector)`

<i>Condition</i>	<i>True branch</i>	<i>False branch</i>
<i>Condition is checked for every element of a vector</i>	<i>Select element from this if the condition is true</i>	<i>Select element from this if the condition is false</i>

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Apply functions



Repetitively perform an action on multiple chunks of data.

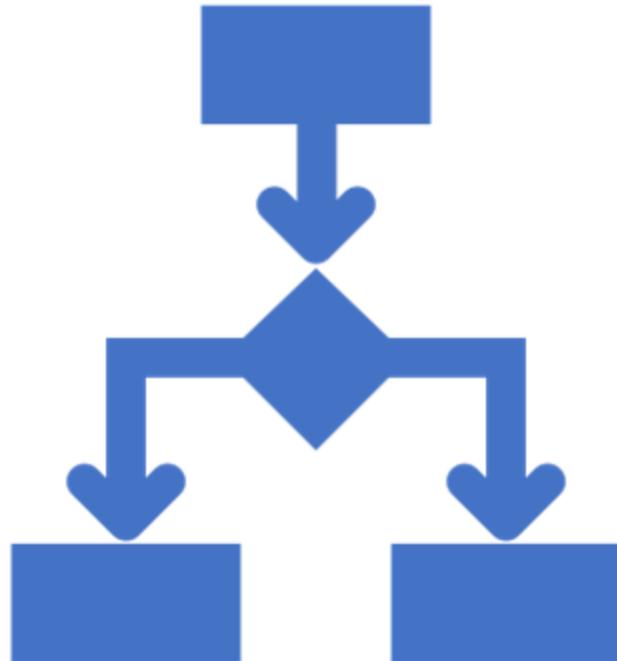
Runs faster than loop and requires less coding

Basic function

`apply(X, MARGIN, FUN).`

- ❖ X is an array or matrix.
- ❖ Margin specifies whether you want to apply the function across rows (1) or columns (2)
- ❖ FUN is the function you want to use

1. *lapply* functions



lapply() operates on list and always returns a list, 'l' in lapply() refers to 'list'

lapply(X, FUN, ...)

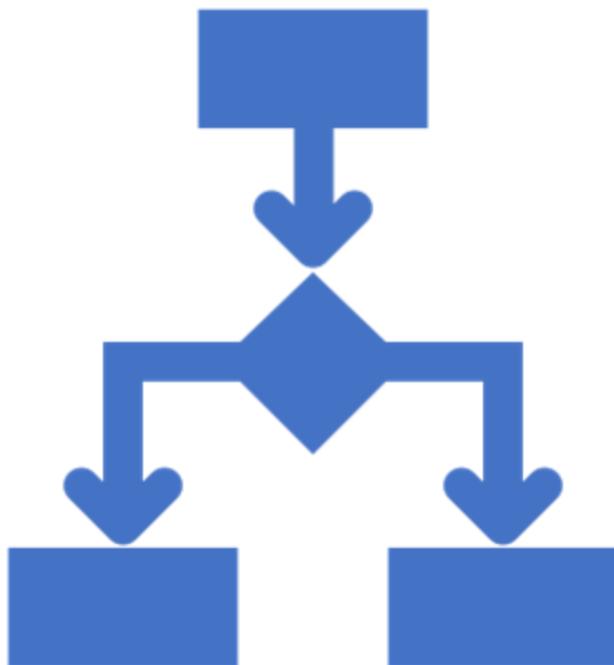
X is a list

Fun, function to be applied

.... Additional arguments passed to function

- ❖ lapply() always returns a list whereas apply() can return a vector, list, matrix or array.
- ❖ No scope of MARGIN in lapply(), always to columns

2. *sapply* functions

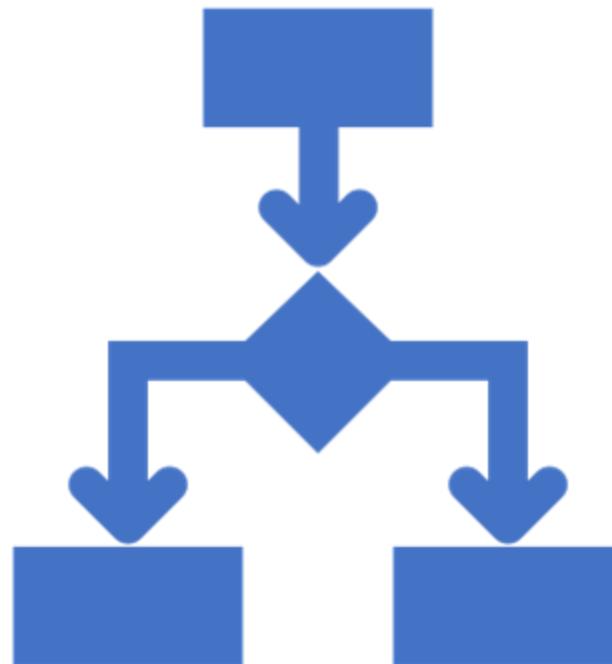


syntax for sapply() is as follows:
sapply(x, fun,.....)

- ❖ **sapply()** and **lapply()** work basically the same.
- ❖ The only difference is that **lapply()** always returns a list, whereas **sapply()** tries to simplify the result into a vector or matrix.
- ❖ Additional argument if **simplify = F** then **sapply()** returns a list similar to **lapply()**

3. *tapply* functions

tapply() function breaks the data set up into groups and applies a function to each group.



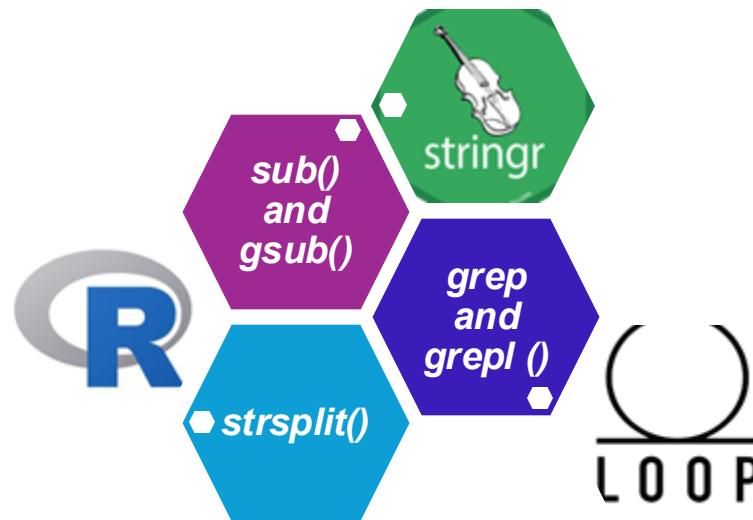
The syntax:

tapply(x,INDEX,FUN,...,simplify)

- x is required vector
- A grouping factor or a list of factors
- The function to be applied
- Additional arguments
- Simplify return simplified results

Loops and String Manipulations in R

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Loops in R (Cycling or iterating)

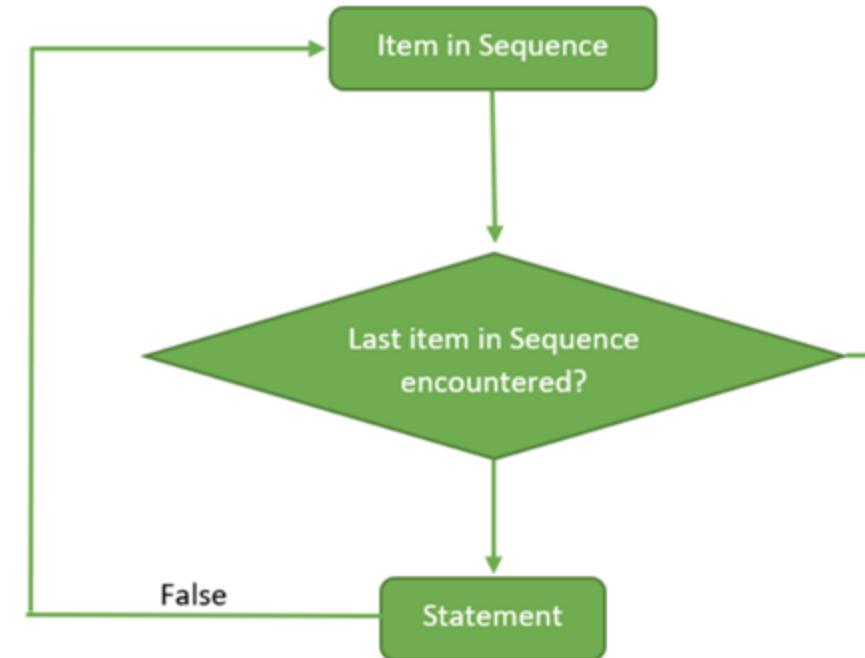
Control statement that allows multiple executions of a statement or a set of statements

For loop

- Loops over texts, data frames etc.
- Loops repeatedly depending upon the number of elements

Syntax

```
for (var in vector) {  
    statement(s)  
}
```



Loops in R (Cycling or iterating)

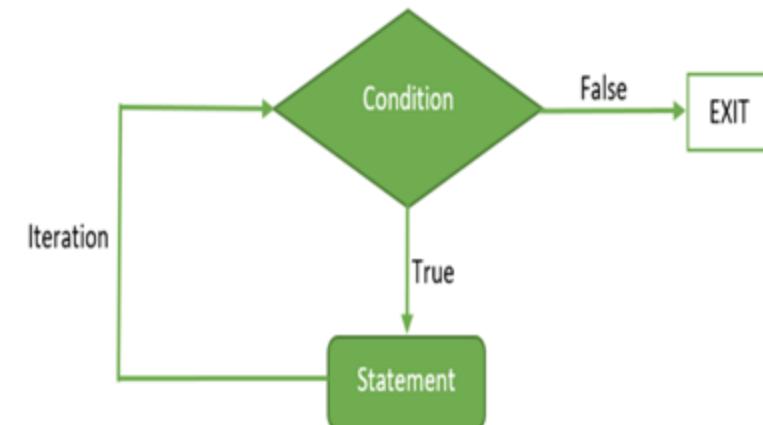
Control statement that allows multiple executions of a statement or a set of statements.

while loop

- Runs a statement or a set of statements repeatedly unless the given condition becomes false.
- Entry controlled loop.

Syntax

```
while ( condition )  
{ statement }
```



Loops in R (Cycling or iterating)

Control statement that allows multiple executions of a statement or a set of statements.

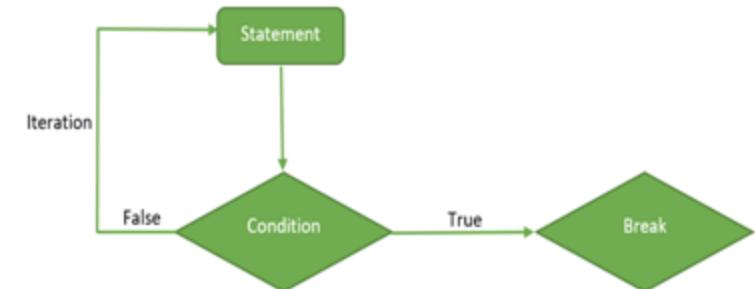
repeat loop

- run the same statement or a group of statements repeatedly until the stop condition has been encountered.
- Iterate infinitely if no condition given

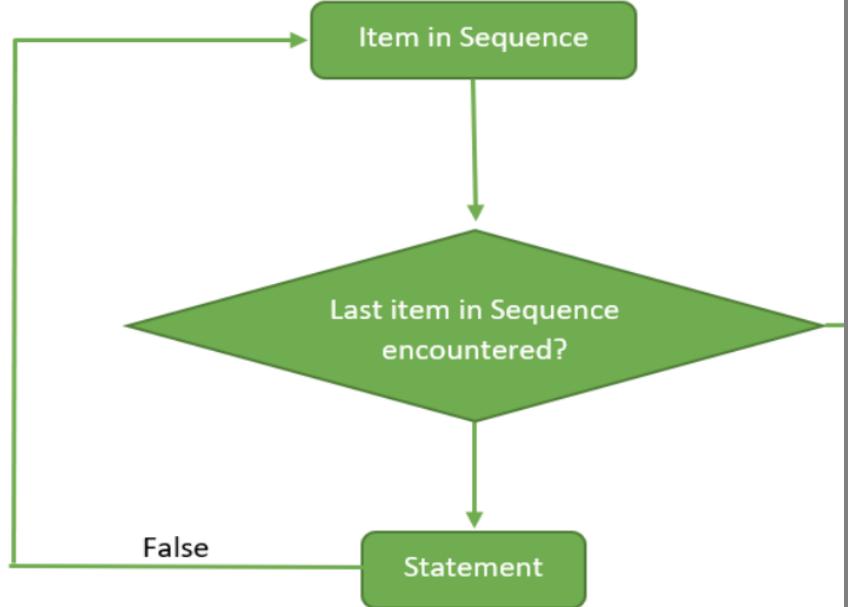
Syntax

```
repeat
{ statement
if( condition )
{ break
}
```

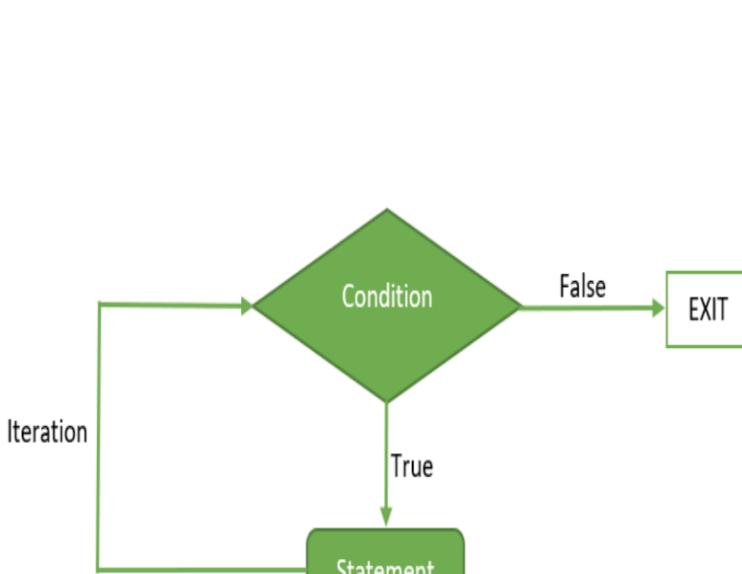
Flow Diagram:



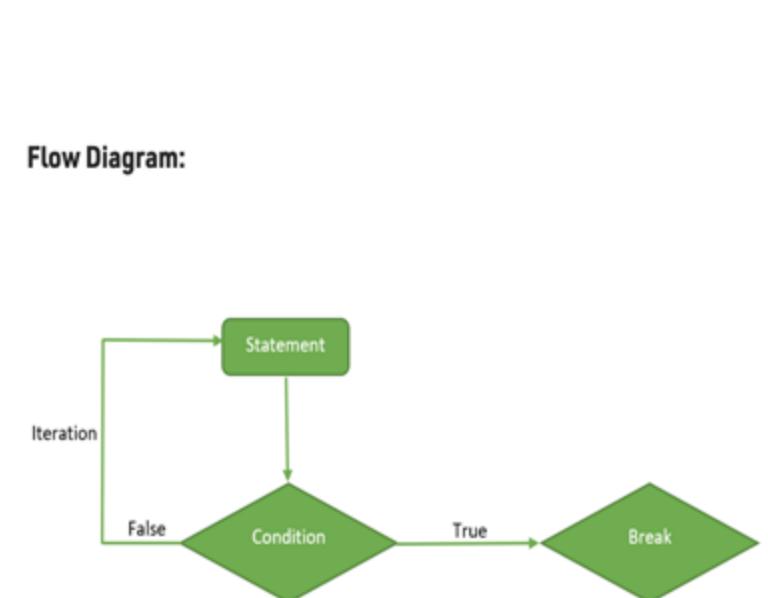
<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/loops-in-r-for-while-repeat/>



For loop



while loop



repeat loop

Flow Diagram:



String Manipulations in R

Basic String Manipulations

- *nchar()* number of characters
- *tolower()* convert to lower case
- *toupper()* convert to upper case
- *casemap()* case folding
- *chartr()* character translation
- *abbreviate()* abbreviation
- *substr()* substrings of a character vector



Set Operations

- ***union()*** set union
- ***intersect()*** intersection
- ***setdiff()*** set difference
- ***setequal()*** equal sets identical() exact equality
- ***is.element()*** is element
- ***%in%*()** contains
- ***sort()*** sorting
- ***rep()*** repetition



Other string functions

- **`paste()`** concatenates several characters
- **`paste(..., sep = " ", collapse = NULL)`**
- **`print()`** generic printing
- **`cat()`** concatenation

Your assignment what they does?

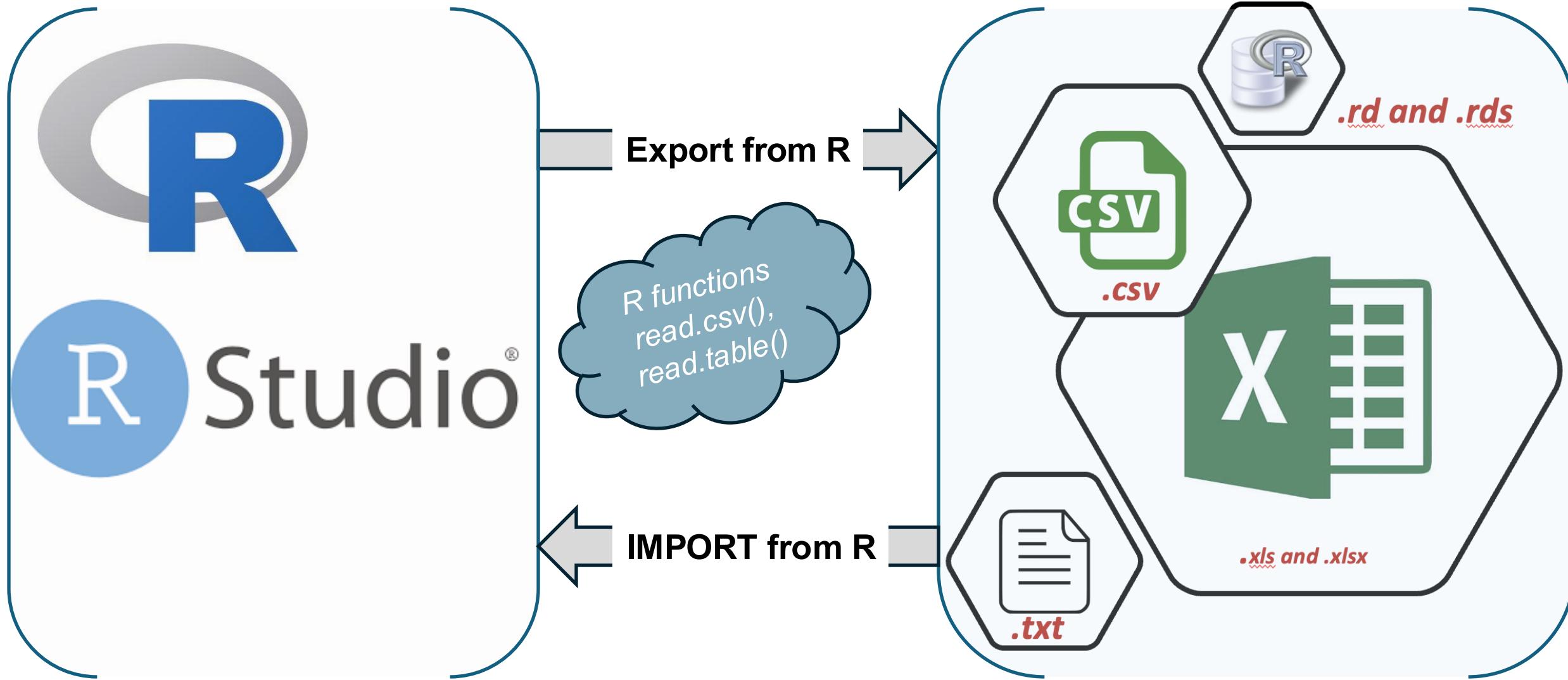
Working Directories

R is always pointed at a directory on your computer.

- Check current directory
`getwd()`
- Set working directory
`setwd()`
- Create working directory
`dir.create()`



Import and Export of Data in R



Importing Data from .csv and .txt files



Depending upon format, several variants are available

- **read.csv()**: for reading “**comma separated value**” files (“.csv”).
- **read.table()**: for reading “text files” (“.txt”)

Syntax:

read.table(filename or path, header = FALSE, sep = "")

Read.csv(filename or path, header=TRUE, sep="")

Importing Data from excel file

Reading from Excel files

readxl package comes with the function **read_excel()** to read xls and xlsx files

```
my_data <- read_excel("my_file.xlsx", sheet = "data")  
my_data <- read_excel("my_file.xlsx", sheet = 2)  
my_data <- read_excel("my_file.xlsx", na = "___")
```

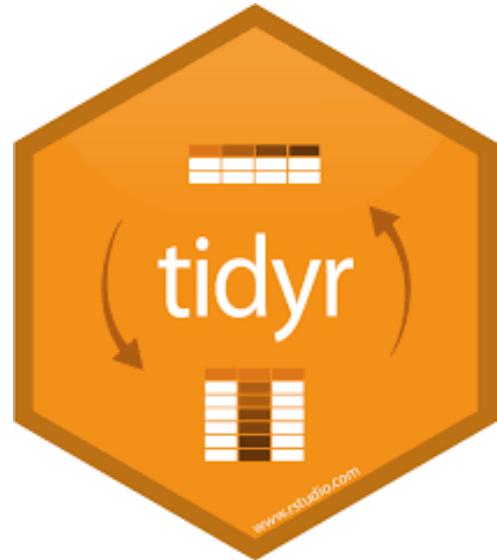
<http://www.sthda.com/english/wiki/reading-data-from-excel-files-xls-xlsx-into-r>

Exporting Data files

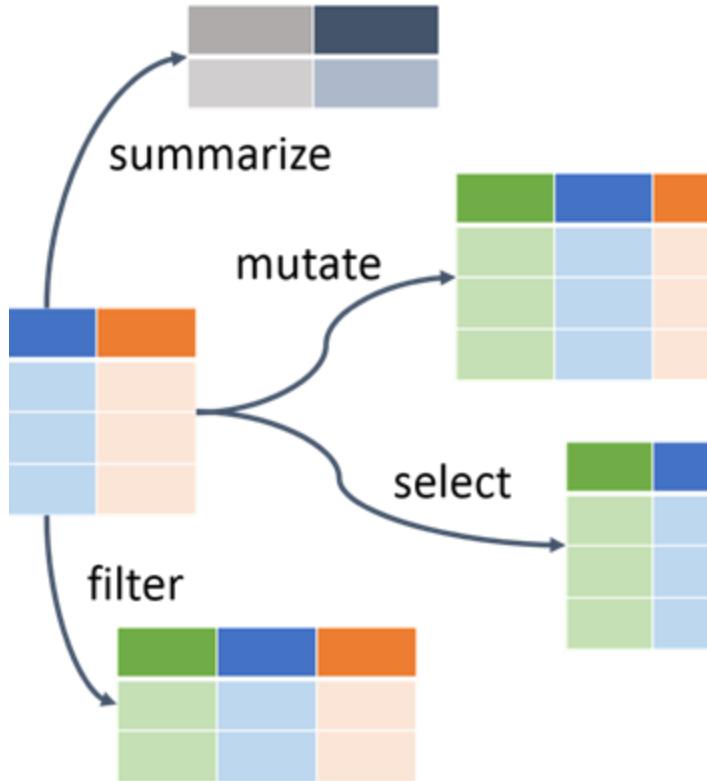
```
write.table(x, file = "",  
append = FALSE, quote =  
TRUE, sep = " ", eol = "\n", na  
= "NA", dec = ".", row.names  
= TRUE, col.names = TRUE....)
```

```
write.csv(x, file = "", append  
= FALSE, quote = TRUE, sep =  
" ", eol = "\n", na = "NA", dec  
= ".", row.names = TRUE,  
col.names = TRUE....)
```

Data Wrangling and Manipulations using R packages



dplyr R Package



- **`filter()`** chooses rows based on column values.
- **`slice()`** chooses rows based on location.
- **`arrange()`** changes the order of the rows.
- **`select()`** changes whether or not a column is included.
- **`rename()`** changes the name of columns.
- **`mutate()`** changes the values of columns and creates new columns.
- **`relocate()`** changes the order of the columns.
- **`summarise()`** collapses a group into a single row.

Pipe the functions using %>%

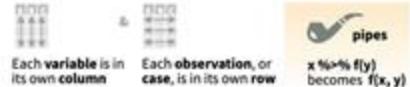
<https://rdrr.io/cran/dplyr/f/vignettes/dplyr.Rmd>

<https://www.r-bloggers.com/2019/04/how-to-filter-in-r-a-detailed-introduction-to-the-dplyr-filter-function/>

dplyr cheat sheet

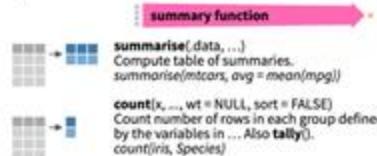
Data Transformation with dplyr :: CHEAT SHEET

dplyr functions work with pipes and expect **tidy data**. In tidy data:



Summarise Cases

These apply **summary functions** to columns to create a new table of summary statistics. Summary functions take vectors as input and return one value (see back).

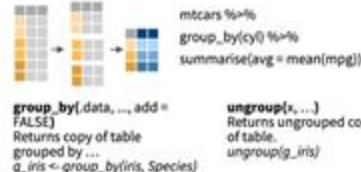


VARIATIONS

`summarise_all()` - Apply funs to every column.
`summarise_at()` - Apply funs to specific columns.
`summarise_if()` - Apply funs to all cols of one type.

Group Cases

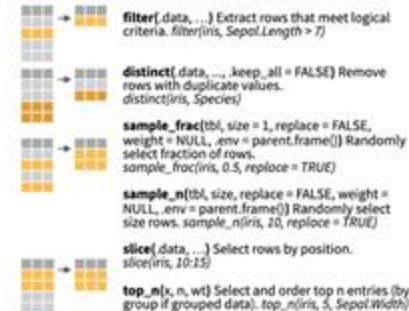
Use `group_by()` to create a "grouped" copy of a table. dplyr functions will manipulate each "group" separately and then combine the results.



Manipulate Cases

EXTRACT CASES

`Row` functions return a subset of rows as a new table.

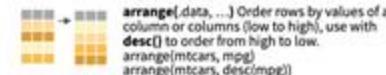


Logical and boolean operators to use with filter()

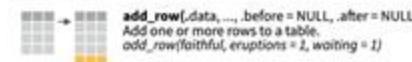
<	<=	is.na()	%in%		xor()
>	>=	is.na()	!	&	

See ?base::Logic and ?Comparison for help.

ARRANGE CASES



ADD CASES



Manipulate Variables

EXTRACT VARIABLES

`Column` functions return a set of columns as a vector.

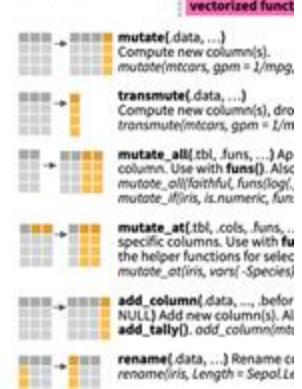


Use these helpers with `select()`, e.g. `select(iris, starts_with("Sepo"))`

`contains(match)` `num_range(prefix, range_end)`
`ends_with(match)` `one_of(...)`
`matches(match)` `starts_with(match)`

MAKE NEW VARIABLES

These apply **vectorized functions** to column vectors as input and return vectors of the same (see back).



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dplyr cheat sheet



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Vector Functions

TO USE WITH MUTATE()

`mutate()` and `transmute()` apply vectorized functions to columns to create new columns. Vectorized functions take vectors as input and return vectors of the same length as output.

vectorized function

OFFSETS

`dplyr::lag()` - Offset elements by 1
`dplyr::lead()` - Offset elements by -1

CUMULATIVE AGGREGATES

`dplyr::cumall()` - Cumulative all()
`dplyr::cumany()` - Cumulative any()
`cummax()` - Cumulative max()
`dplyr::cummean()` - Cumulative mean()
`cummin()` - Cumulative min()
`cumprod()` - Cumulative prod()
`cumsum()` - Cumulative sum()

RANKINGS

`dplyr::cume_dist()` - Proportion of all values <=
`dplyr::dense_rank()` - rank w ties = min, no gaps
`dplyr::min_rank()` - rank with ties = min
`dplyr::ntile()` - bins into n bins
`dplyr::percent_rank()` - min_rank scaled to [0,1]
`dplyr::row_number()` - rank with ties = "first"

MATH

`+, -, *, /, ^, %/%, %% - arithmetic ops`
`log(), log2(), log10() - logs`
`<, <=, >, >=, !=, == - logical comparisons`
`dplyr::between()` - `x >= left & x <= right`
`dplyr::near()` - safe == for floating point numbers

MISC

`dplyr::case_when()` - multi-case if_else()
`iris %>% mutate(Species = case_when(`
`Species == "versicolor" ~ "versi",`
`Species == "virginica" ~ "virgi",`
`TRUE ~ Species))`
`dplyr::coalesce()` - first non-NA values by element across a set of vectors
`dplyr::if_else()` - element-wise if() + else()
`dplyr::na_if()` - replace specific values with NA
`pmax()` - element-wise max()
`pmin()` - element-wise min()
`dplyr::recode()` - Vectorized switch()
`dplyr::recode_factor()` - Vectorized switch() for factors

Summary Functions

TO USE WITH SUMMARISE()

`summarise()` applies summary functions to columns to create a new table. Summary functions take vectors as input and return single values as output.

summary function

COUNTS

`dplyr::n()` - number of values/rows
`dplyr::n_distinct()` - # of uniques
`sum(is.na())` - # of non-NA's

LOCATION

`mean()` - mean, also `mean(is.na())`
`median()` - median

LOGICALS

`mean()` - Proportion of TRUE's
`sum()` - # of TRUE's

POSITION/ORDER

`dplyr::first()` - first value
`dplyr::last()` - last value
`dplyr::nth()` - value in nth location of vector

RANK

`quantile()` - nth quantile
`min()` - minimum value
`max()` - maximum value

SPREAD

`IQR()` - Inter-Quartile Range
`mad()` - median absolute deviation
`sd()` - standard deviation
`var()` - variance

Row Names

Tidy data does not use rownames, which store a variable outside of the columns. To work with the rownames, first move them into a column.

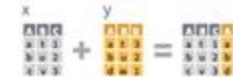
`rownames_to_column()`
 Move row names into col.
`a <- rownames_to_column(iris, var = "C")`

`column_to_rownames()`
 Move col in row names.
`column_to_rownames(a, var = "C")`

Also has `rownames()`, `remove_rownames()`

Combine Tables

COMBINE VARIABLES



Use `bind_cols()` to paste tables beside each other as they are.

`bind_cols(...)` Returns tables placed side by side as a single table.
 BE SURE THAT ROWS ALIGN.

Use a "Mutating Join" to join one table to columns from another, matching values with the rows that they correspond to. Each join retains a different combination of values from the tables.

`left_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c("x", "y"), ...)`
 Join matching values from x to y.

`right_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c("x", "y"), ...)`
 Join matching values from x to y.

`inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c("x", "y"), ...)`
 Join data. Retain only rows with matches.

`full_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, suffix = c("x", "y"), ...)`
 Join data. Retain all values, all rows.

Use `setequal()` to test whether two data sets contain the exact same rows (in any order).

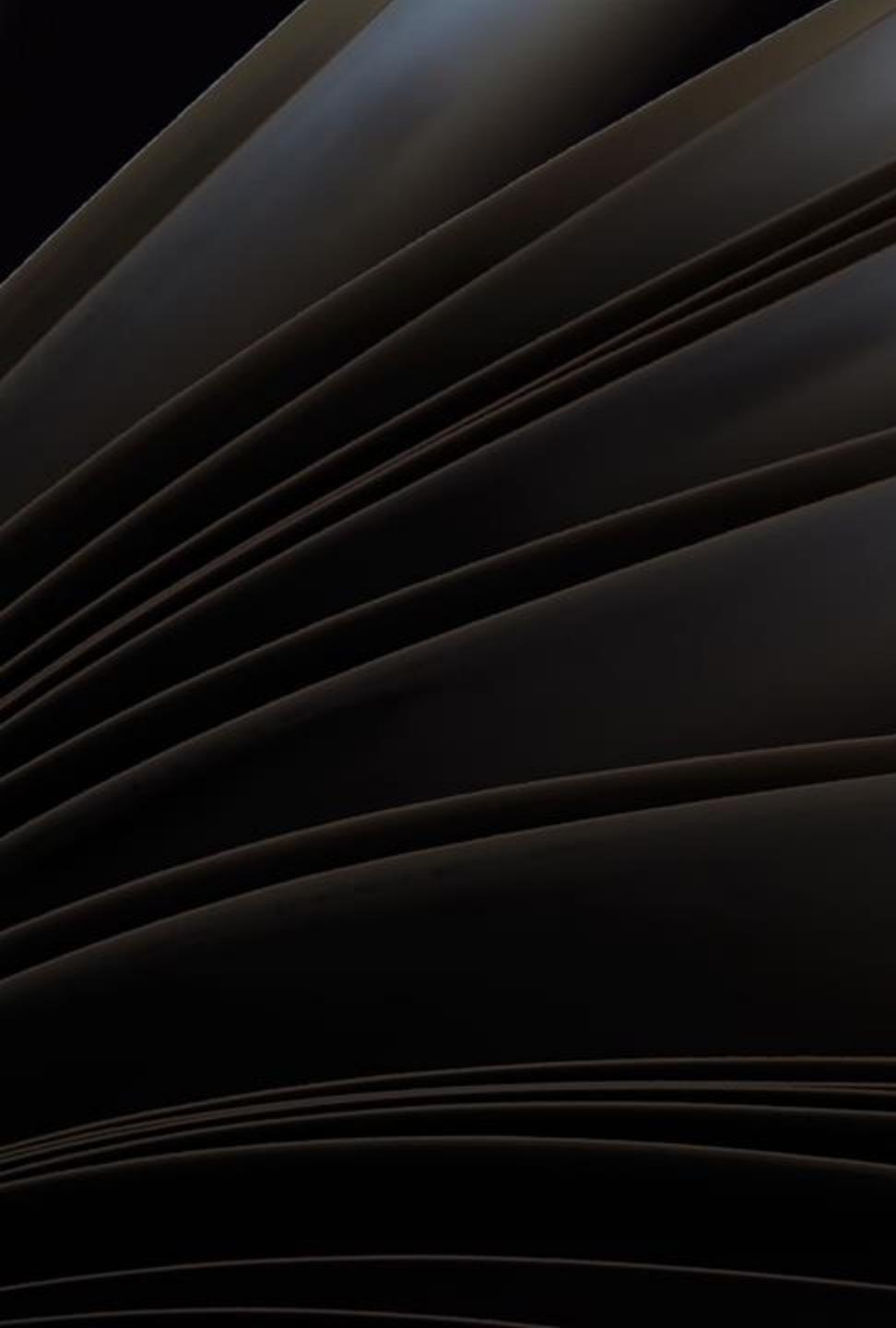
`EXTRACT ROWS`
`x` `y`
`-----`
`+-----+ +-----+`

Use a "Filtering Join" to filter one table against the rows of another.

`semi_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)`
 Return rows of x that have a match in y.
 USEFUL TO SEE WHAT WILL BE JOINED.

`anti_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)`
 Return rows of x that do not have a match in y. USEFUL TO SEE WHAT WILL NOT BE JOINED.





Reshape Package

- reshape2 is based around two key functions: melt and cast:
- melt takes wide-format data and melts it into long-format data.
- cast takes long-format data and casts it into wide-format data.
- Think of working with metal: if you melt metal, it drips and becomes long. If you cast it into a mould, it becomes wide.

<https://uc-r.github.io/tidyr>

<https://ademos.people.uic.edu/Chapter9.html>

Reshaping Data with Tidyr

tidyr is a one such package which was built for the sole purpose of simplifying the process of creating [tidy data](#).

- [gather\(\)](#) makes “wide” data longer
- [spread\(\)](#) makes “long” data wider
- [separate\(\)](#) splits a single column into multiple columns
- [unite\(\)](#) combines multiple columns into a single column

Go through this PPT

https://rpubs.com/bradleyboehmke/data_processing

https://hbctraining.github.io/Intro-to-R/lessons/08_intro_tidyverse.html

Additional Useful Resources

- ❖ <https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/>
- ❖ <https://uc-r.github.io/tidyr>
- ❖ <https://bookdown.org/mikemahoney218/IDEAR/data-wrangling.html>
- ❖ <https://exeter-data-analytics.github.io/AdVis/data-wrangling.html>
- ❖ <https://www.tidyverse.org/packages/>
- ❖ <https://atrebas.github.io/post/2019-03-03-datable-dplyr/>



Regular Expressions

(Patter matching and substitution)



A regular expression (a.k.a. regex) is a special text string for describing a certain amount of text.



Regular expression is a pattern that describes a set of strings.



For example, searching word "programming" in a large text document.

Regular Expressions

(Patter matching and substitution)

grep: match a pattern

grepl: similar to grep, output as logical

regexpr: similar to grepl, output different
and detailed

gregexpr: similar to regexpr, output as list

sub(): replacing one pattern with another
one

gsub(): replacing one pattern with another
one (all occurrences)

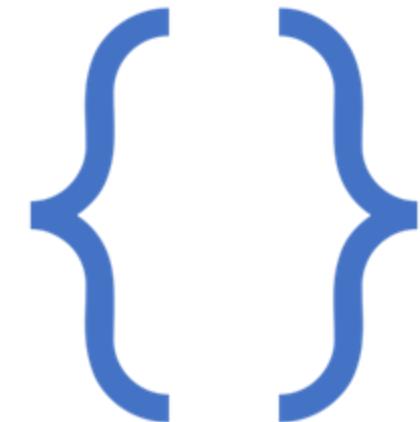
Writing R functions

Pieces of code that perform a desired operation on given input(s) and return the output back to the user.

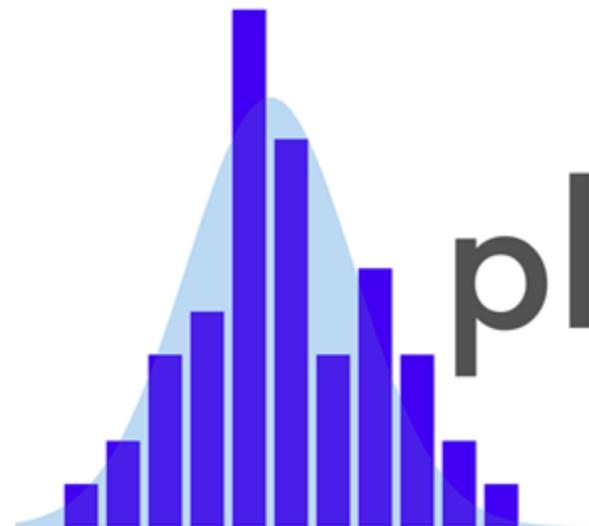
Syntax

```
functionName <- function(argument1, argument2...) {  
    #function Body  
    return(varc)  
}
```

- **Function Name** – Name of the function.
- **Arguments** – An argument is a placeholder. When a function is invoked, you pass a value to the argument.
- **Function Body** – Collection of statements that defines what the function does.
- **Return Value** – The return value of a function is the last expression in the function body to be evaluated.



Generating Reproducible Reports and Interactive Visualizations in R



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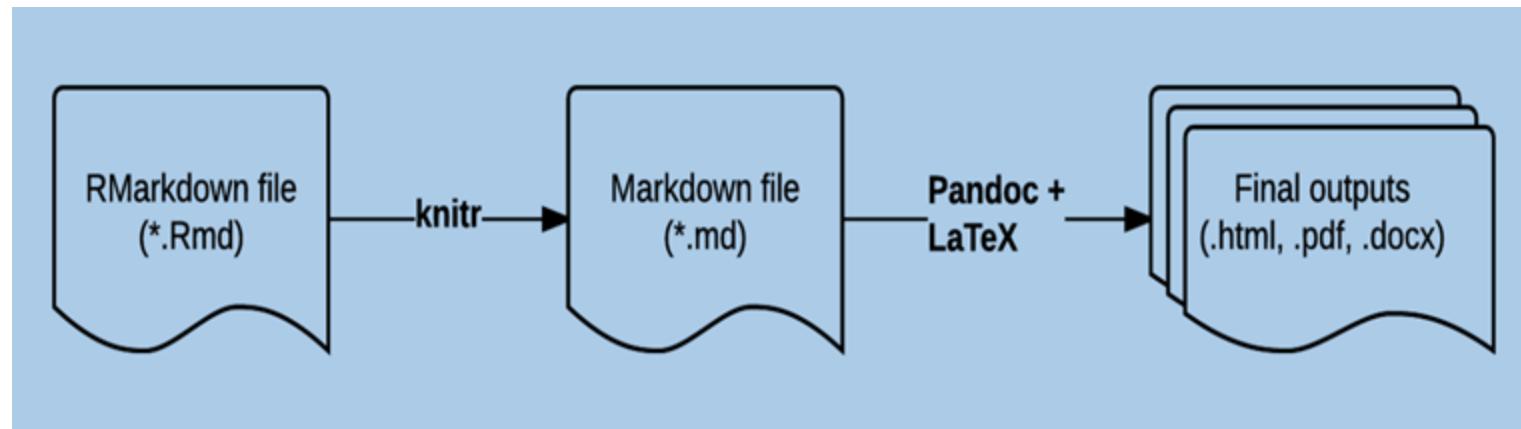
R Markdown

<https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/index.html>

https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/articles_intro.html

<https://rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/rmarkdown-cheatsheet.pdf>

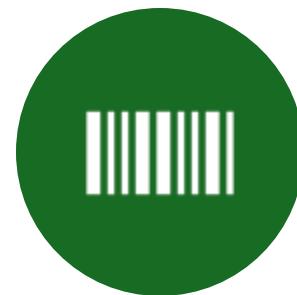
- Save the codes, execute them, and
- Generate high quality reproducible reports:
 - Edit any time
 - Seamless Visualization
 - Easy sharing.
- Knitr combines elements of R code and Markdown
- Convert the Analysis into Word, PDF, HTML etc.



Workflow of Generating Reports



Open the File (.rmd)



Write the Code



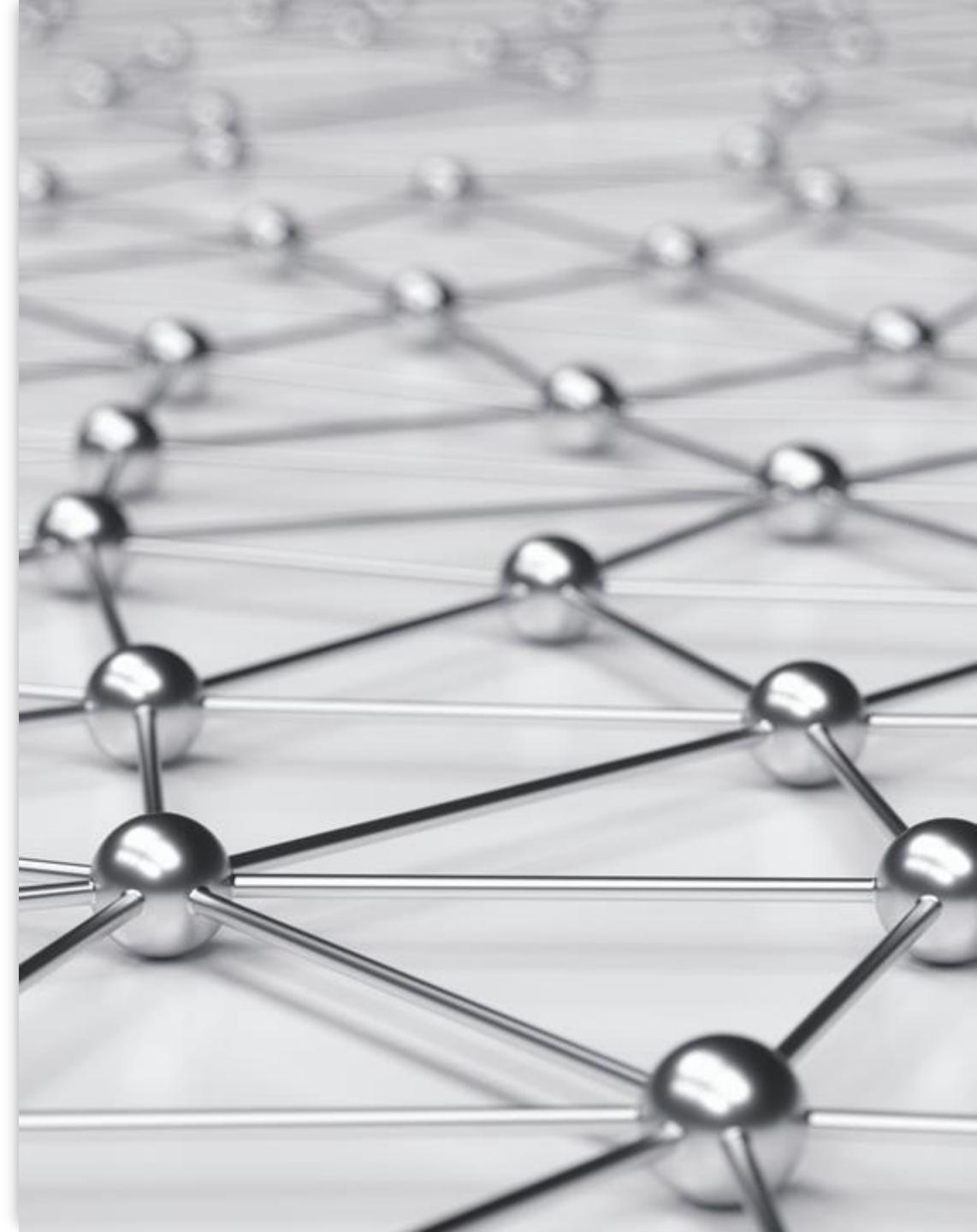
**Embed the Code and
Text**



**Render to generate
the report**

Useful resources to Learn R markdown

- <https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/figures.html>
- <https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/r-code.html>
- <https://bioconnector.github.io/workshops/rmarkdown.html>
- <http://bioconnector.github.io/markdown/#!rmarkdown.md>
- <https://holtzy.github.io/Pimp-my-rmd/>
- <http://jianghao.wang/post/2017-12-08-rmarkdown-templates/>



The background of the image is a repeating pattern of small, white, fluffy sheep standing inside clear, spherical bubbles. These bubbles are arranged in a grid-like structure on a dark blue surface. The sheep are facing various directions, and the bubbles overlap each other in a staggered pattern.

Demo in R