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An Introduction into Statistical Computing with R

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- Slideset
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Outlook

- What is R?
- Basic-Operations
- Basic Data Structures
 - Getting information about your data
 - Operations on data
 - Import and Export
 - Control Structures
 - User defined functions
- R and Big Data Applications

+ 3 hands on exercises

- Working with vectors
- Data frames and databases
- Simple NLP example

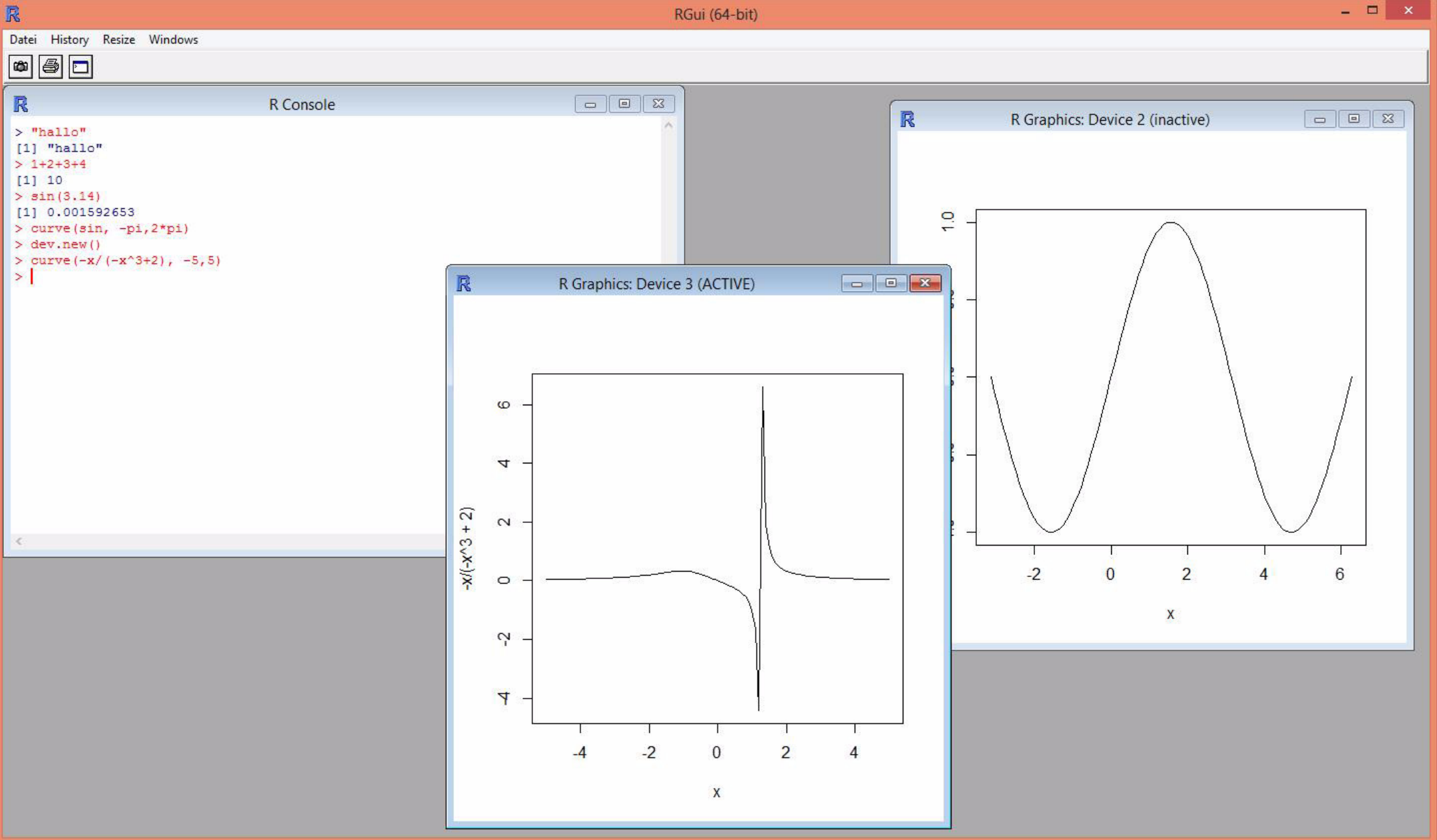
Timetable

- Part I - Introduction & vector datatype: 20 min.
- Hands-on-exercise: 10 min.
- Part II - Data-Frames & import from extrnal sources: 20 min.
- Hands-on-exercise: 10 min.
- Part III - Graphics & control structures: 20 min.
- Hands-on-exercise: 10 min.

Characteristics of R

- Programming language/development environment for (statistical) data analysis
- Open Source project (gnu, cross platform, high number of additional packages¹, huge development community)
- Interpreted language
- Main memory based
- Interface to C/C++, Fortran and Java
- Very good graphic capabilities
- Interactive and batch processing (see next slides ...)
- General programming language
- Easily extensible
- Leading edge algorithms

1. ~8500 packages (13.6.2016)



R Basic Datastructures

- **Vector**
- Matrices
- Array
- (Lists)
- **Data Frames**

Vector

- Basic datatype (there exists no scalar values)
- One dimensional data structure
- All elements must be of same type
- Example:

```
x<-c(-0.1, 1.5, 2, 0)
```

```
sentence <- c("Data", "Scientist", "The", "Sexiest", "Job", "of",  
             "the", "21st", "Century")
```

```
filter<-c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)
```

```
x_values<-seq(-10, 10, by=0.1)
```

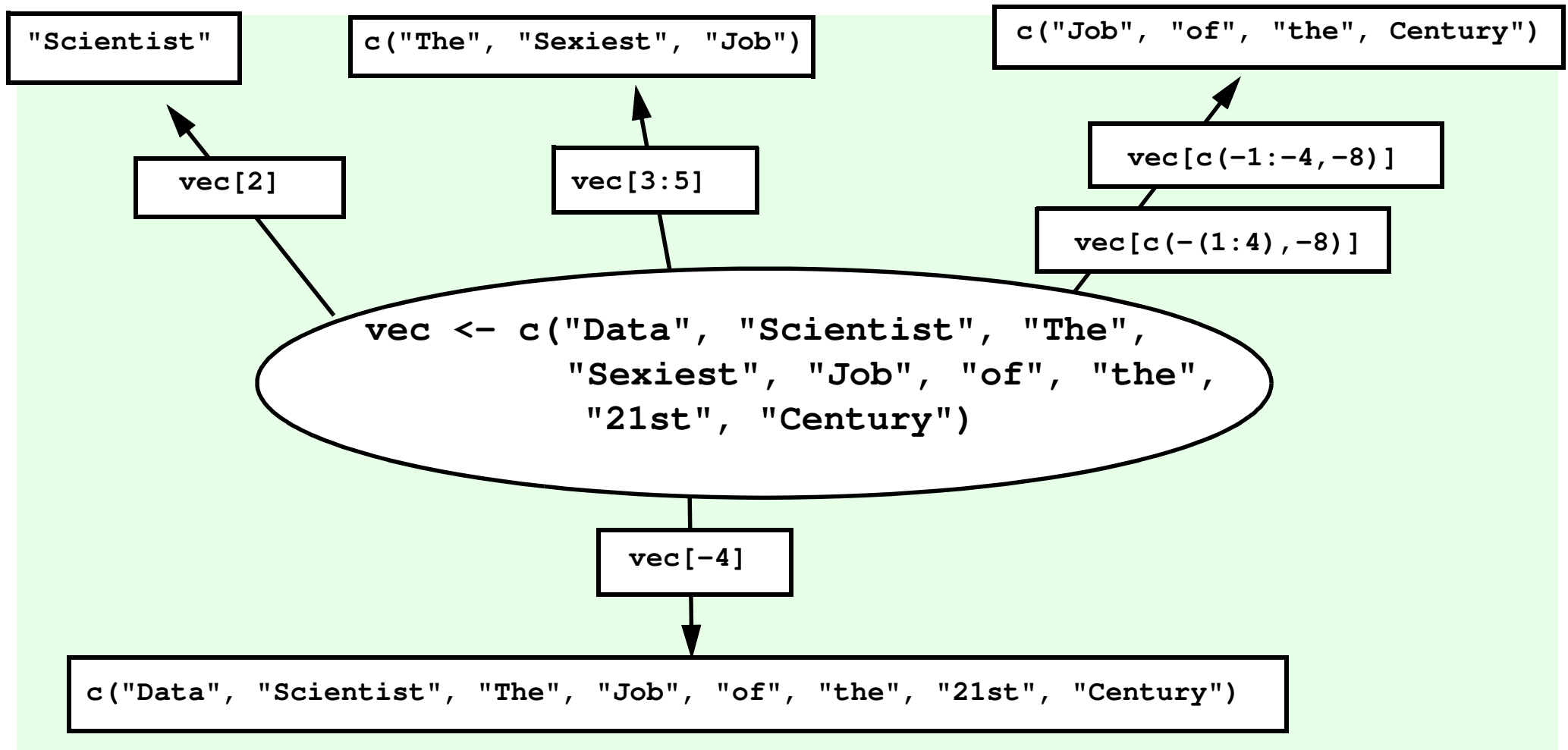
- Access (first element has index 1):

```
print(x[1])           # result:-0.1  
a_cool_job<-sentence[2] # "Scientist"  
a_statement<-sentence[3:5] # "The" "Sexiest" "Job"  
x[2] = 3              # change second value from 1.5 to 3
```


Vector Operations

- Generating vectors
 - `c(...)` - Constructor
 - `„:“`-operator (i.e. `1:10`)
 - `seq(from=1, to=1, by=..., length=...), rep(x, time)`
- misc operations
 - `length(vec)`
 - `+, -, *, /, ^, %/%, %%>, <` operator (operates on each element)
- Retrieving subranges:
 - `vector[index]`: Retrieve element at position 'index'
 - `vector[vector_indices]`: Retrieve the elements at positions 'vector_indices'
 - `vector[-index]`: Retrieve all elements except at index 'index'
 - `vector[-vector_indices]`: Retrieve all elements except at positions 'vector_indices'

Accessing Vectors



Filter

```
> numbers<-1:5
```

```
> numbers
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

- Boolean Filter

```
> numbers[c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)]
```

```
[1] 1 5
```

```
> numbers[c(T, F)]      # same as numbers[c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)]
```

```
[1] 1 3 5
```

- Vectorized Comparison operator

```
> numbers < 4
```

```
[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

- Combination of both Techniques

```
> numbers[numbers < 4]
```

```
[1] 1 2 3
```

Filtering with grep

```
> strings <- c('CCAA', 'CCAA', 'AAGT', 'CAGT', 'TCCT', 'CGCT',  
               'ATGT', 'AACA', 'CACA', 'TCTT', 'GGCT')  
> grep('^(\w)\1', strings)  
[1]  1  2  3  8  9 11  
>  
  
> strings[grep('^(\w)\1', strings)]  
[1] "CCAA" "CCAA" "AAGT" "AACA" "GGCT"
```

Vector Element Names

- Vector elements can have names (additionally to index-position)
- Examples:

```
> named_vector <- 1:5
> named_vector
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
> names(named_vector) <- c("one", "two", "three", "four", "five")
> named_vector
  one  two three  four  five
  1    2    3    4    5
> names(named_vector)
[1] "one"  "two"  "three" "four"  "five"
> named_vector["two"]
two
  2
> named_vector[c("three", "five")]
three  five
   3      5
> unname(named_vector)
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

Adding/deleting elements to a vector

```
> a<-10:5  
> a  
[1] 10 9 8 7 6 5
```

- Append a scalar

```
> a<-c(a, 4)  
> a  
[[1] 10 9 8 7 6 5 4  
>
```

- Append a vector

```
> a<-c(a, 3:1)  
> a  
[1] 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
```

- Delete an element at position:

```
> a<-a[-2]  
>  
> a  
[1] 10 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
```

Vectorized functions

- Remember: Basic datatype is a vector
- Most functions also accept a vector as input:
- Examples:

```
> sqrt(9)
[1] 3
> x <- 1:10
> sqrt(x)
[1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051 2.000000 2.236068 2.449490 2.645751 2.828427 3.000000
[10] 3.162278
>

> x*-1
[1] -1 -2 -3 -4 -5 -6 -7 -8 -9 -10
```

Set Operations with Vectors

- Union

```
> union(c(1,2), c(2,3))  
[1] 1 2 3
```

- Intersection

```
> intersect(c(1,2), c(2,3))  
[1] 2
```

- Difference

```
> setdiff(c(1,2), c(2,3))  
[1] 1
```

- Test equality

```
> setequal(c(1,2), c(2,3))  
[1] FALSE  
> setequal(c(1,2), c(2,1))  
[1] TRUE
```

- Test if value is in Set

```
> 2 %in% c(1,4,6)  
[1] FALSE  
> 4 %in% c(1,4,6)  
[1] TRUE
```


Sort & Order

```
> unordered<-c(-3,7,5,9,-2,8,2)
```

```
> unordered
```

```
[1] -3 7 5 9 -2 8 2
```

- Sort Elements in Vector

```
> sort(unordered)
```

```
[1] -3 -2 2 5 7 8 9
```

- Sort in reverse order

```
> sort(unordered, decreasing=TRUE)
```

```
[1] 9 8 7 5 2 -2 -3
```

```
# short version of above
```

```
sort(unordered, dec=T)
```

- Change the ordering in a vector

```
unordered[c(1,5,7,3,2,6,4)]
```

```
[1] -3 -2 2 5 7 8 9
```

- Return the ordering index

```
> orderedIdx<-order(unordered)
```

```
> orderedIdx
```

```
[1] 1 5 7 3 2 6 4
```

Frequency tables

```
> colors<-c('red','green','red','red','green','yellow')
```

- Calculate the frequency of different colors

```
> freq<-table(colors)
> freq
colors
  green    red yellow
      2     3      1
```

- Datatype table

```
> str(freq)
'table' int [1:3(1d)] 2 3 1
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 1
 ..$ colors: chr [1:3] "green" "red" "yellow"
```

- Conversion to vector

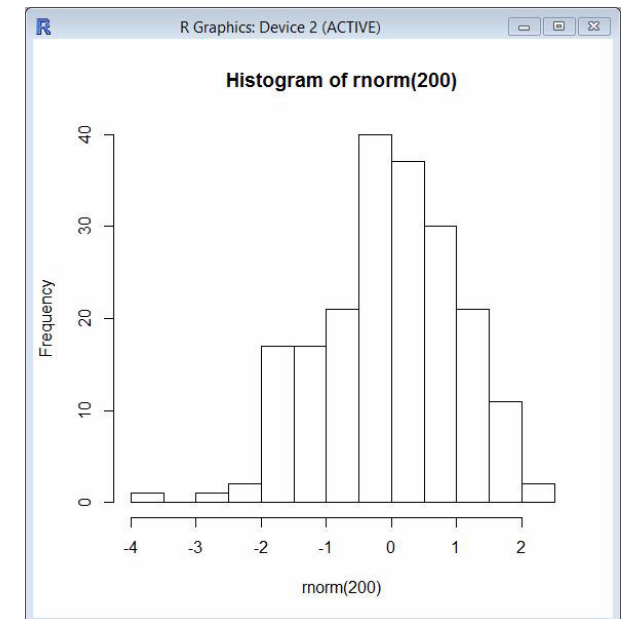
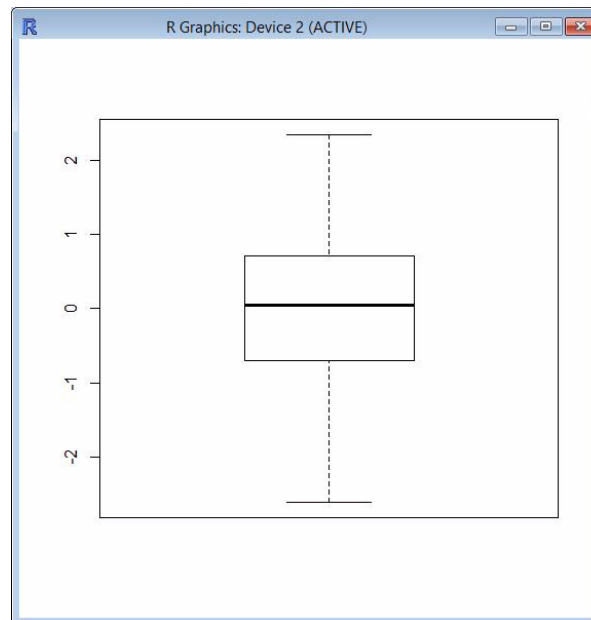
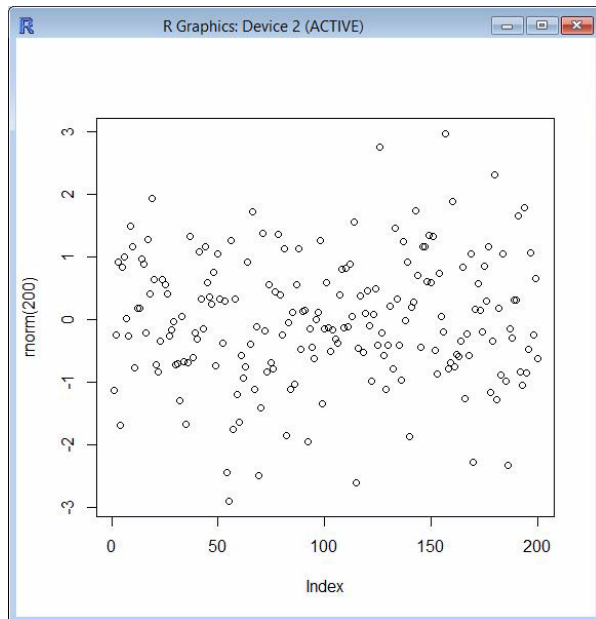
```
> as.vector(freq)
[1] 2 3 1
> names(freq)
[1] "green" "red" "yellow"
```

Some useful functions

- Generate random numbers
`rnorm(1000)`
- calculate the sum of the vector elements
`sum(vector)`
- calculate the mean
`mean(vector)`
- Calculate the median
`median(vector)`
- standard deviation
`sd(vector)`

Visualisation

- `plot(rnorm(200))`
- `boxplot(rnorm(200))`
- `hist(rnorm(200))`



Hands-on-Exercise I - Vectors

Matrices

- Two dimensional array
- numeric/character/logical data (alle elements must be from the same type)
- Syntax:

```
a_matrix<-matrix(vector, nrow=..., ncol=..., byrow=FALSE/TRUE,  
                 dimnames=list(rowname_vec, colname_vec))
```

- Examples:

```
> m1<-matrix(1:8, nrow=2)
```

```
> m1
```

| | [, 1] | [, 2] | [, 3] | [, 4] |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| [1,] | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| [2,] | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |

```
> m2<-matrix(1:8, nrow=4)
```

```
> m2
```

| | [, 1] | [, 2] |
|-------|-------|-------|
| [1,] | 1 | 5 |
| [2,] | 2 | 6 |
| [3,] | 3 | 7 |
| [4,] | 4 | 8 |

Matrices

```
> ticTacToe<-matrix(rep(0,9), nrow=3)
```

```
> ticTacToe
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    0    0    0
[2,]    0    0    0
[3,]    0    0    0
```

```
>
```

```
> ticTacToe[2,2] = 1
```

```
> ticTacToe
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    0    0    0
[2,]    0    1    0
[3,]    0    0    0
```

```
> ticTacToe[3,] = 2
```

```
> ticTacToe
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    0    0    0
[2,]    0    1    0
[3,]    2    2    2
```

```
> ticTacToe[,1] = 3
```

```
> ticTacToe
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    3    0    0
[2,]    3    1    0
[3,]    3    2    2
```

Matrix Row and Column Names

```
> rownames(ticTacToe) <- c('A', 'B', 'C')
> colnames(ticTacToe) <- c('I', 'II', 'III')
> ticTacToe
  I  II III
A 3  0  0
B 3  1  0
C 3  2  2
>
> ticTacToe["A", "II"]
[1] 0
> ticTacToe["A", ]
  I  II III
3  0  0
> ticTacToe[, "II"]
A B C
0 1 2
> rownames(ticTacToe)
[1] "A" "B" "C"
> colnames(ticTacToe)
[1] "I"  "II" "III"
```


Combining Matrices/Vectors

```
> m1 <- matrix(c(11,12,21,22), nrow=2)
> m2 <- matrix(c(31,32,31,32), nrow=2)
```

- Adding columns (cbind)

```
> cbind(m1, m2)                                     # number of rows must match
```

| | [, 1] | [, 2] | [, 3] | [, 4] |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| [1,] | 11 | 21 | 31 | 31 |
| [2,] | 12 | 22 | 32 | 32 |

- Adding rows (rbind):

```
> rb <- rbind(m1, m2)                               # number of columns must match
> rb
```

| | [, 1] | [, 2] |
|-------|-------|-------|
| [1,] | 11 | 21 |
| [2,] | 12 | 22 |
| [3,] | 31 | 31 |
| [4,] | 32 | 32 |

```
> nrow(rb)
[1] 4
> ncol(rb)
[1] 2
```

Example: Deleting rows/columns from a matrix

```
> rb
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]    11    21
[2,]    12    22
[3,]    31    31
[4,]    32    32

> # remove first two rows:
> rb <- rb[3:4,drop=FALSE]      # drop=FALSE to prevent dimension reduction
> rb
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]    31    31
[2,]    32    32

>
> # remove last column
> rb <- rb[,1,drop=FALSE]
> rb
      [,1]
[1,]    31
[2,]    32
>
```

Filtering matrices (row/columnwise)

```
> m <- matrix(round(rnorm(24)), nrow=4)
```

```
>
```

```
> m
```

| | [,1] | [,2] | [,3] | [,4] | [,5] | [,6] |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| [1,] | 1 | 1 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| [2,] | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 |
| [3,] | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -2 |
| [4,] | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1 |

```
>
```

```
> # rowwise
```

```
> m[,4] == 1
```

```
[1] TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
```

```
>
```

```
> m[m[,4] == 1,]
```

| | [,1] | [,2] | [,3] | [,4] | [,5] | [,6] |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| [1,] | 1 | 1 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| [2,] | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1 |

```
> m
```

| | [,1] | [,2] | [,3] | [,4] | [,5] | [,6] |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| [1,] | 1 | 1 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| [2,] | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 |
| [3,] | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -2 |
| [4,] | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1 |

| | | | | | | |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| [1,] | 1 | 1 | -2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| [2,] | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 |
| [3,] | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | -2 |
| [4,] | -1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1 |

```
>
```

```
> # columnwise
```

```
> m[1,] == 0
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE
```

```
>
```

```
> m[, m[1,] == 0]
```

| | [,1] | [,2] |
|------|------|------|
| [1,] | 0 | 0 |
| [2,] | 1 | 1 |
| [3,] | 0 | -2 |
| [4,] | -1 | 1 |

```
>
```

Array

- Like matrix but can have more than 2 dimensions
- Syntax:

```
myarray<-array(vector, dimensions, dimnames)
```

- Examples:

```
myarray <- array(1:27, c(3,3,3), list(c("a1", "a2", "a3"),  
                                       c("b1", "b2", "b3"),  
                                       c("c1", "c2", "c3")))
```

```
>
```

```
>
```

```
> myarray
```

```
, , c1
```

| | b1 | b2 | b3 |
|----|----|----|----|
| a1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| a2 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| a3 | 3 | 6 | 9 |

```
, , c2
```

| | b1 | b2 | b3 |
|----|----|----|----|
| a1 | 10 | 13 | 16 |
| a2 | 11 | 14 | 17 |
| a3 | 12 | 15 | 18 |

```
, , c3
```

| | b1 | b2 | b3 |
|----|----|----|----|
| a1 | 19 | 22 | 25 |
| a2 | 20 | 23 | 26 |
| a3 | 21 | 24 | 27 |

Data-Frame

- Like a matrix, but can contain different types (numeric, character, ...) of data
- Most common datastructure in R
- Syntax:

```
myframe <- data.frame(col1, col2, col3, ...)
```

- Example:

```
> PersonID<-c(101,102,103)
> name<-c("Klaus", "Ingo", "Tanja")
> age<-c(31,27,29)
> dataset<-data.frame(PersonID, name, age)
> dataset
```

| | PersonID | name | age |
|---|----------|-------|-----|
| 1 | 101 | Klaus | 31 |
| 2 | 102 | Ingo | 27 |
| 3 | 103 | Tanja | 29 |

Data-Frame: Access methods

```
> str(dataset)
'data.frame':   3 obs. of  3 variables:
 $ PersonID: num  101 102 103
 $ name     : Factor w/ 3 levels
               "Ingo", "Klaus", ...: 2 1 3
 $ age      : num  31 27 29

> dataset[c(1,2,3),2]
[1] Klaus Ingo  Tanja

> dataset[,2]
[1] Klaus Ingo  Tanja

> dataset$age
[1] 31 27 29
>

> dataset[2,c(1,2,3)]
  PersonID name age
2      102 Ingo  27

> dataset[2,]
  PersonID name age
2      102 Ingo  27

> dataset[2,2]
[1] Ingo

> dataset[c("name", "age")]
  name age
1 Klaus  31
2  Ingo  27
```

Filtering

- Examples:

```
> dataset
  PersonID  name age
1      101 Klaus  31
2      102 Ingo  27
3      103 Tanja  29
> dataset$age < 30
[1] FALSE  TRUE  TRUE
> dataset[dataset$age < 30, c('PersonID', 'name', 'age')]
  PersonID  name age
2      102 Ingo  27
3      103 Tanja  29
>
> dataset[dataset$age < 30,]
  PersonID  name age
2      102 Ingo  27
3      103 Tanja  29
>
> dataset[dataset$age < 30 & dataset$age > 28, c("name")]
[1] Tanja
```

Data Frame filtering: Comparison to SQL

- SQL:

```
select name, age  
from dataset_table  
where age < 30  
and age > 28
```

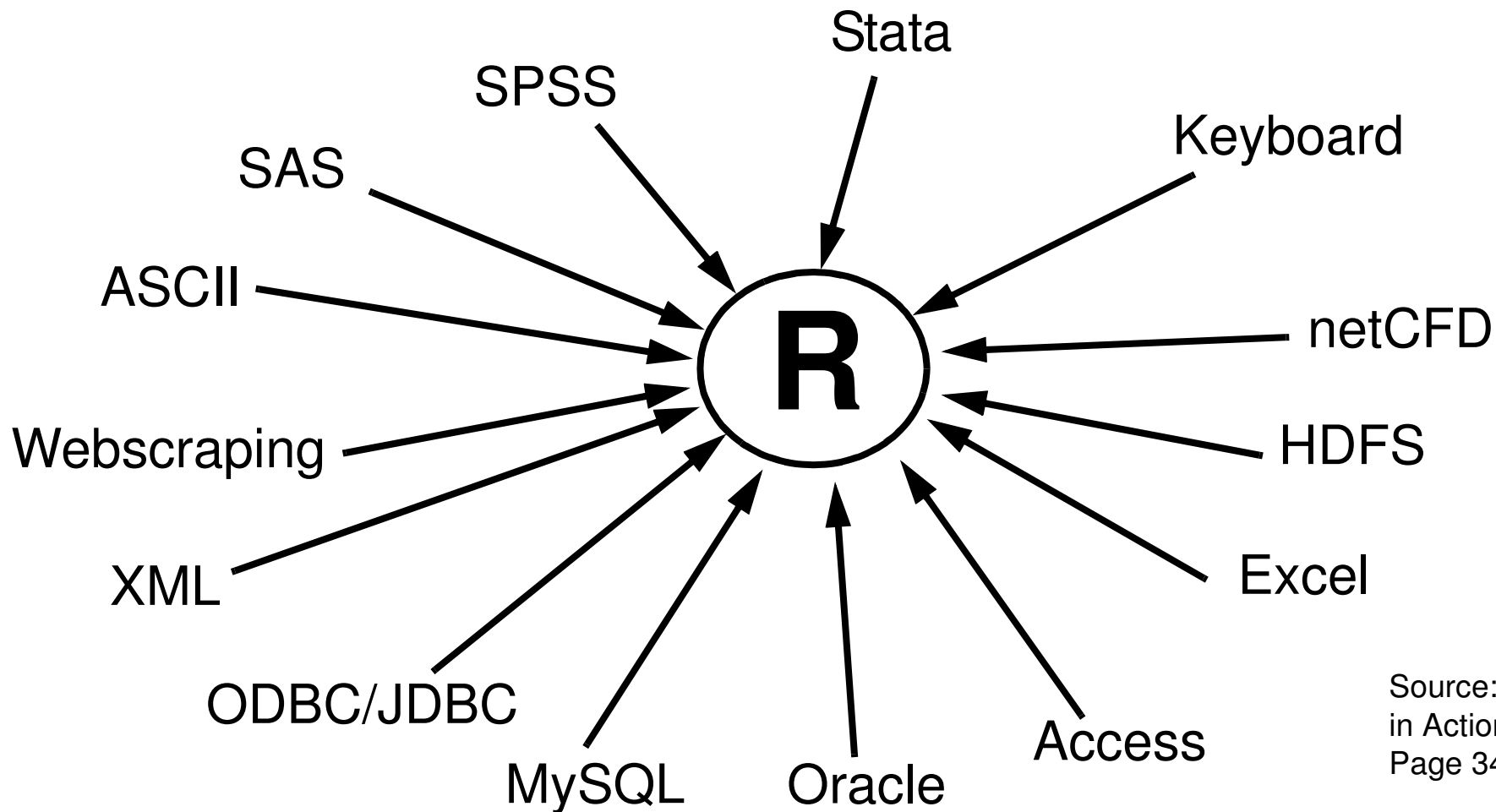
selection

- R

```
dataset[dataset$age < 30 &  
dataset$age > 28,  
c("name", "age")]
```

projection

Data Import in R



Source: Robert Kabacoff, R
in Action, Manning, 2011,
Page 34

city.tsv

| Name | Country | Province | Population | Longitude | Latitude |
|-------------|---------|------------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Aachen | D | "Nordrhein Westfalen" | 247113 | NULL | NULL |
| Aalborg | DK | Denmark | 113865 | 10 | 57 |
| Aarau | CH | AG | NULL | NULL | NULL |
| Aarhus | DK | Denmark | 194345 | 10.1 | 56.1 |
| Aarri | WAN | Nigeria | 111000 | NULL | NULL |
| Aba | WAN | Nigeria | 264000 | NULL | NULL |
| Abakan | R | "Rep. of Khakassiya" | 161000 | NULL | NULL |
| Abancay | PE | Apurimac | NULL | NULL | NULL |
| Abeokuta | WAN | Nigeria | 377000 | NULL | NULL |
| Aberdeen | GB | Grampian | 219100 | NULL | NULL |
| Aberystwyth | GB | Ceredigion | NULL | NULL | NULL |
| Abidjan | CI | "Cote d'Ivoire" | NULL | -3.6 | 5.3 |
| Abilene | USA | Texas | 108476 | -99.6833 | 32.4167 |
| "Abu Dhabi" | UAE | "United Arab Emirates" | 363432 | 54.36 | 24.27 |
| ... | | | | | |

Import from file

```
path <- "d:/Dropbox/ita-2017/tutorial/city.tsv"
city.frame <- read.table(
  path,
  header=TRUE,
  stringsAsFactors=FALSE,
  sep="\t")
```

city.frame

| | Name | Country | Province | Population | Longitude | Latitude |
|---|---------|---------|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Aachen | D | Nordrhein Westfalen | 247113 | NULL | NULL |
| 2 | Aalborg | DK | Denmark | 113865 | 10 | 57 |
| 3 | Aarau | CH | AG | NULL | NULL | NULL |
| 4 | Aarhus | DK | Denmark | 194345 | 10.1 | 56.1 |
| 5 | Aarri | WAN | Nigeria | 111000 | NULL | NULL |
| 6 | Aba | WAN | Nigeria | 264000 | NULL | NULL |

Getting information about a data frame

```
> names(city.frame)
[1] "Name"          "Country"       "Province"      "Population"    "Longitude"
[6] "Latitude"
>
> str(city.frame)
'data.frame':   3053 obs. of  6 variables:
 $ Name       : chr  "Aachen" "Aalborg" "Aarau" "Aarhus" ...
 $ Country    : chr  "D" "DK" "CH" "DK" ...
 $ Province   : chr  "Nordrhein Westfalen" "Denmark" "AG" "Denmark" ...
 $ Population: chr  "247113" "113865" "NULL" "194345" ...
 $ Longitude  : chr  "NULL" "10" "NULL" "10.1" ...
 $ Latitude   : chr  "NULL" "57" "NULL" "56.1" ...

> nrow(city.frame)
[1] 3053
> ncol(city.frame)
[1] 6
> dim(city.frame)
[1] 3053    6
>
```

Getting information about a data frame

```
> head(city.frame)
```

| | Name | Country | Province | Population | Longitude | Latitude |
|---|---------|---------|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Aachen | D | Nordrhein Westfalen | 247113 | NULL | NULL |
| 2 | Aalborg | DK | Denmark | 113865 | 10 | 57 |
| 3 | Aarau | CH | AG | NULL | NULL | NULL |
| 4 | Aarhus | DK | Denmark | 194345 | 10.1 | 56.1 |
| 5 | Aarri | WAN | Nigeria | 111000 | NULL | NULL |
| 6 | Aba | WAN | Nigeria | 264000 | NULL | NULL |

```
> tail(city.frame)
```

| | Name | Country | Province | Population | Longitude | Latitude |
|------|-----------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 3048 | Zonguldak | TR | Zonguldak | 115900 | NULL | NULL |
| 3049 | Zug | CH | ZG | NULL | NULL | NULL |
| 3050 | Zunyi | TJ | Guizhou | 261862 | NULL | NULL |
| 3051 | Zurich | CH | ZH | 343106 | NULL | NULL |
| 3052 | Zwickau | D | Sachsen | 104921 | NULL | NULL |
| 3053 | Zwolle | NL | Overijssel | NULL | NULL | NULL |

Accessing a data-frame (1)

- Examples:
 - return all city names:
`city.frame$Name`
 - return name and population from cities in switzerland:
`city.frame[city.frame$Country=="CH", c('Name', 'Population')]`
 - Replace NULL values in column Population with NA (not available)
`city.frame$Population[city.frame$Population=="NULL"]<-NA`
 - Change datatype of column Population to numeric
`city.frame<-transform(city.frame, Population=as.numeric(Population))`
 - return city names, ordered by name
`sort(city.frame$Name)`
 - Adding a dataset to a data frame
`city.frame<-rbind(city.frame, c('Richterswil', 'CH', 'ZH', 21654, NA, NA))`

Accessing a data-frame (2)

- Return all Cities with name and population

```
city.frame[,c('Country', 'Population')]
```

- Return all cities with coordinates

```
city.frame[! is.na(city.frame$Longitude) &  
            ! is.na(city.frame$Latitude),]
```

- City with most inhabitants

```
max.population<-max(city.frame$Population, na.rm=TRUE)  
city.frame[!is.na(city.frame$Population) &  
            city.frame$Population==max.population,]
```

| | Name | Country | Province | Population | Longitude | Latitude |
|------|-------|---------|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 2410 | Seoul | ROK | South Korea | 10229262 | 126.967 | 37.5667 |

grep

- Searching for regular expressions

```
> grep('^St.*', city.frame$Name)
```

```
[1] 2530 2531 2532 2533 2534 2535 2536
```

```
> city.frame[grep('^St.*', city.frame$Name), c('Name', 'Country')]
```

| | Name | Country |
|------|----------------|---------|
| 2530 | St. Louis | USA |
| 2531 | St. Paul | USA |
| 2532 | St. Petersburg | USA |
| 2533 | St. Polten | A |

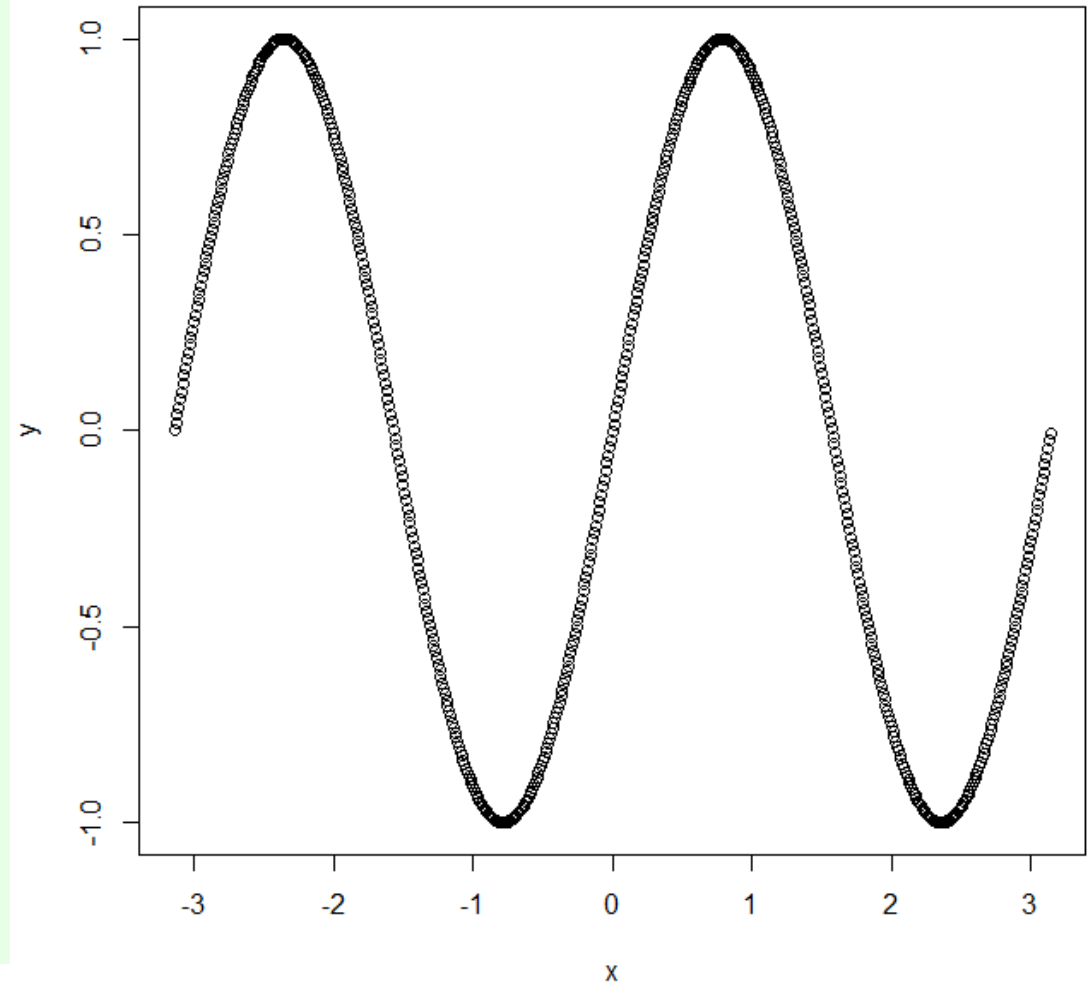
Hands-on-Exercise II - data.frame

Graphics 101 - plot

```
x<-seq(-pi, pi, by=0.01)
y<-sin(2*x)

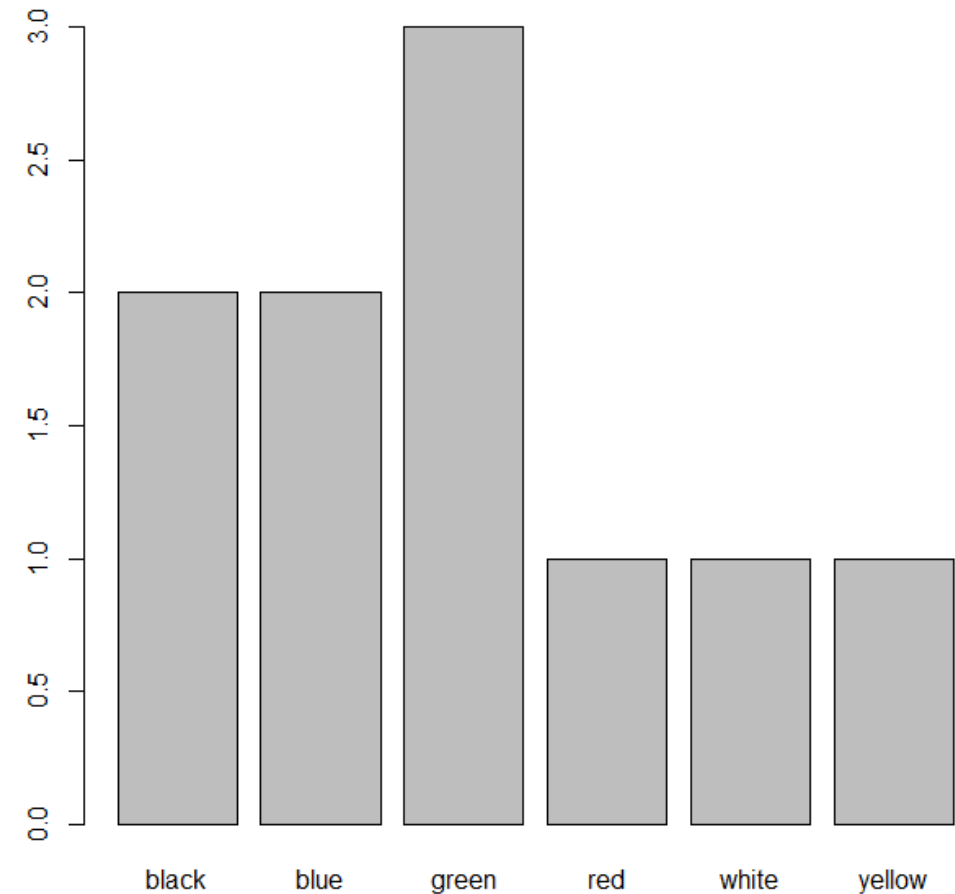
plot(x,y)

# try help(plot) for more
# information and options
#
# i.e. plot(x,y, type="l")
```



Graphics 101 - barplot

```
> colors<-c("blue","red","green",  
            "green","yellow","green","blue",  
            "black","black","white")  
>  
> counts<-table(colors)  
> counts  
colors  
black  blue  green  red  white yellow  
      2     2     3     1     1     1  
  
> barplot(counts)
```

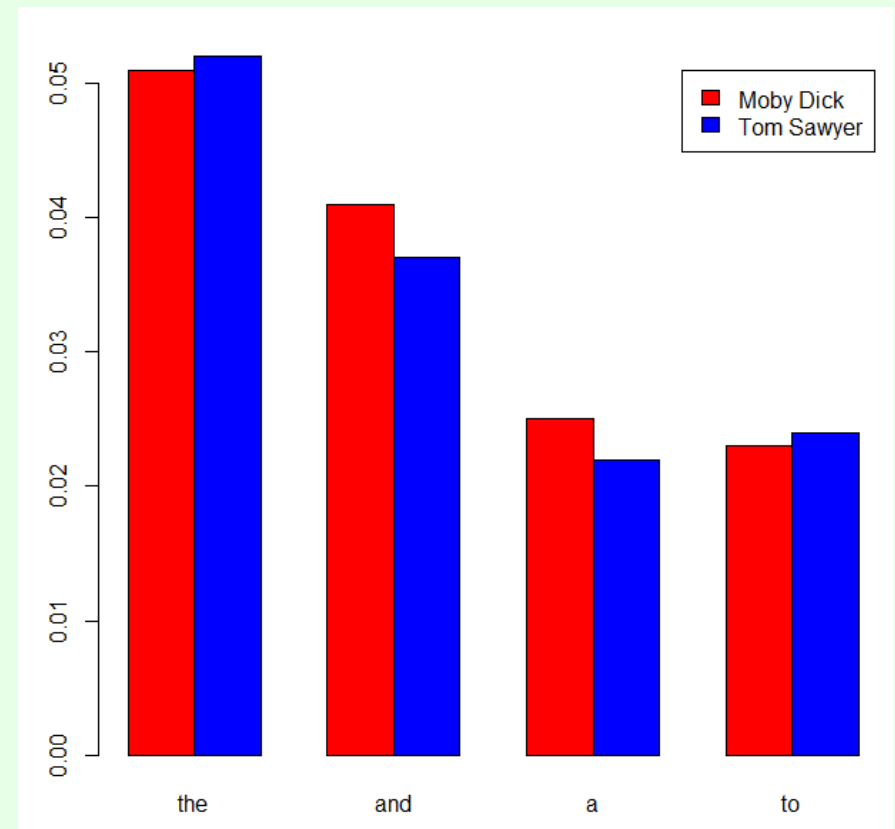


Graphics 101 - stacked barplot

```
> word.freq<-matrix(rep(0, 8), nrow=2)
> rownames(word.freq)<-c('Moby Dick','Tom Sawyer')
> colnames(word.freq)<-c('the','and','a','to')
>
> word.freq['Moby Dick',]<-c(0.051, 0.041,
                             0.025, 0.023)
> word.freq['Tom Sawyer',]<-c(0.052, 0.037,
                              0.022, 0.024)
>
> word.freq
```

| | the | and | a | to |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Moby Dick | 0.051 | 0.041 | 0.025 | 0.023 |
| Tom Sawyer | 0.052 | 0.037 | 0.022 | 0.024 |

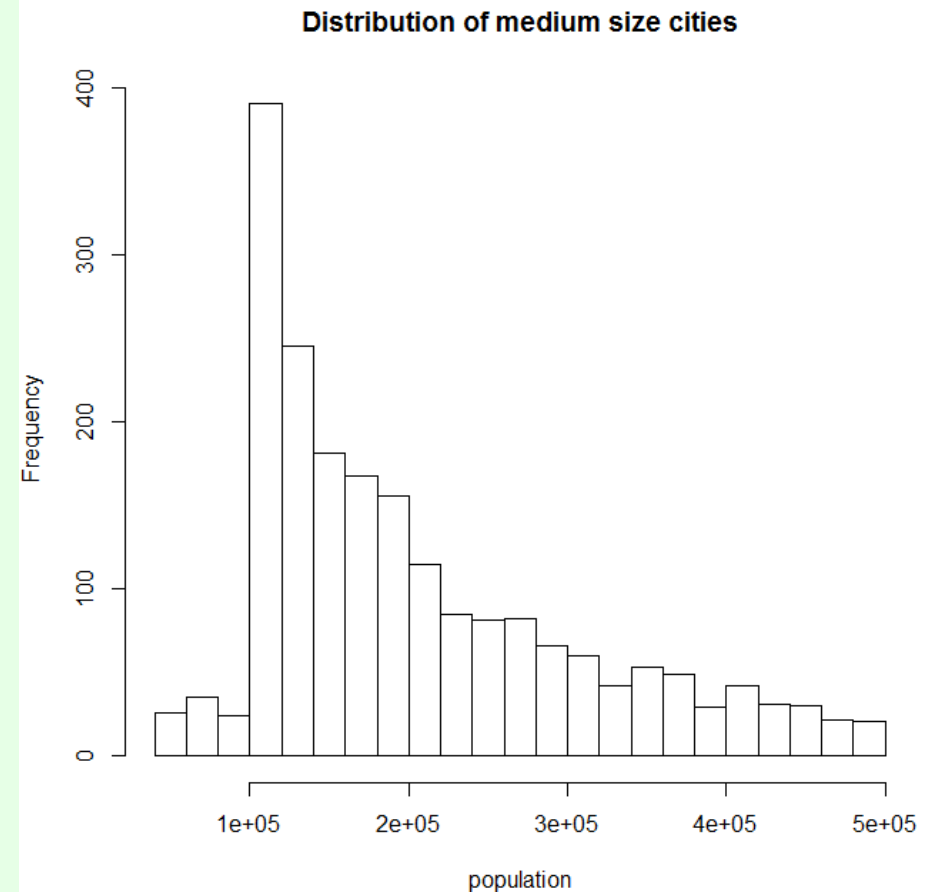
```
>
> barplot(word.freq,
+         col=c('red','blue'),
+         legend=rownames(word.freq),
+         beside=TRUE)
>
```



Graphics 101 - histogram

- Histogram for (numeric values only)
- Example:

```
medium.size.cities<-  
  city.frame[city.frame$Population > 50000 &  
             city.frame$Population < 500000,  
             'Population']  
  
hist(medium.size.cities,  
     breaks=20,  
     xlab="population",  
     main="Distribution of medium size cities")
```



saving a plot to disk

```
> pdf("c:/temp/figures/color-frequency.pdf")  
  
> barplot(counts$x, names=counts$Group.1,  
+         main="Frequency of different colors")  
  
> dev.off()
```

Control flow elements

- R is a complete programming language (turing complete)
- Loops
- Conditional elements
- Definition of user defined functions

Loops

- for - Loop

```
> x<-1  
> fak<-5  
> for (i in 2:fak)  
+   x<-x*i  
> cat(fak,"! = ", x,"\n")  
5 ! = 120
```

type `help(cat)` to get
more info about

- while loop

```
> eps<-0.00003;  
> a<-1000  
> steps<-0  
> while (a > eps) {  
+   a <- a/2.0  
+   steps<-steps + 1  
+ }  
> cat("steps:", steps,"\n")  
steps: 25
```


Loops - next & break

```
i <- 0
while (T) {
  cat(i, "\n")
  i <- i + 1
  if (i == 5)
    break
}
cat("loop ended\n")
```

```
0
1
2
3
4
loop ended
```

```
for (i in 0:5) {
  if (i == 3)
    next
  cat(i, "\n")
}
cat("loop ended\n")
```

```
0
1
2
4
5
loop ended
>
```

Conditional Statements

- if - else

```
> a<-rnorm(1)
> b<-rnorm(1)
> if (a > b) {
+   tmp<-a
+   a<-b
+   b<-tmp
+   cat("exchange ", a, " with ", b,"\n")
+ } else
+   cat("nothing to do\n")
exchange -1.165896 with 1.043969
> cat(a," is smaller than ",b,"\n")
-1.165896 is smaller than 1.043969
```

- ifelse

```
> a<-rnorm(1)
> str<-ifelse(a>0, "positive", "negative")
> cat(a, "is", str,"\n")
1.661342 is positive
>
```

User defined functions

- General syntax:

```
funcname <- function(arg1, arg2, ...) {  
    statements  
}
```

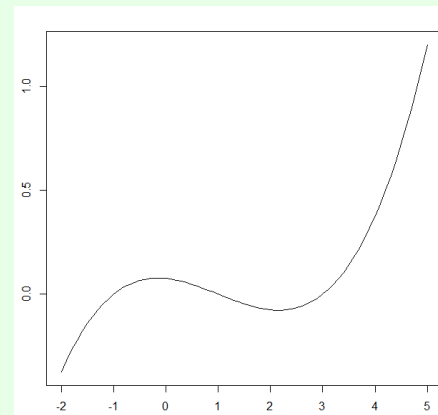
- Example:

```
my.polynom<-function(x) {  
    y <- 1/4*(x-3) * 1/2*(x-1) * 1/5*(x+1)  
    return (y)  
}
```

```
x <- seq(-2,5, by=0.1)  
y <- my.polynom(x)  
plot(x,y, type="l")
```

or

```
curve(my.polynom, -2,5)
```



Writing to a file

- Example:

```
> file<-"c:/temp/test.txt"  
> file.create(file)  
> write("An Introduction into Statistical Computing with R", file=file)  
> for (i in 100:500) {  
+   write(paste("line", i), file=file, append=T)  
+ }
```

- File content (c:/temp/test.txt)

```
An Introduction into Statistical Computing with R  
line 100  
line 101  
line 102  
line 103  
line 104  
line 105  
line 106  
line 107  
...
```

Execution of external scripts

- File myScript.R

```
f<-function(x) {  
  y <- 1/4*(x-3) *  
      1/2*(x-1) *  
      1/5*(x+1)  
  return (y)  
}  
  
x <- -2  
while (x < 5) {  
  cat("f(",x,")=" , f(x) , "\n")  
  x<- x + 0.1  
}  
  
/*  
  in script mode you must write  
  print(x) or cat(x)  
  instead of only x,  
  to output the content of x  
*/
```

- Inside R IDE:

```
> source('myScript.R')  
f( -2 )= -0.375  
f( -1.9 )= -0.319725  
f( -1.8 )= -0.2688  
f( -1.7 )= -0.222075  
...
```

- From Operating System:

```
$R_HOME/bin/x64/R.exe -f myScript.R  
f( -2 )= -0.375  
f( -1.9 )= -0.319725  
f( -1.8 )= -0.2688  
f( -1.7 )= -0.222075  
...
```

Outlook - Big Data and R

- Easy Integration of C/C++ Code (package Rcpp)
- Memory mapped file-access (package bigmemory)
- Parallelisation (package parallel)
 - Multithreading
 - Communication via shared memory or
 - sockets
 - Cluster
 - Communication via sockets
 - Use of R inside a Hadoop cluster (package rmr2, rhdfs, rhbase)

Hands-on-Exercise III - text & graphic

Resources

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<http://heather.cs.ucdavis.edu/~matloff/132/NSPpart.pdf>
- Rob Kabacoff. R in Action, Second Edition - Data analysis and graphics with R, Manning, 2015.
- Matthias Kohl, Introduction to statistical data analysis with R. bookboon.com
<http://bookboon.com/en/introduction-to-statistical-data-analysis-with-r-ebook>
- Data Camp (very good online courses),
Overview: <https://www.datacamp.com/getting-started?step=2&track=r>
- G. Ryan Spain, R Essentials, DZone.
<https://dzone.com/asset/download/88835>

Appendix Function overview (selection)

- Mathematical

`abs, sqrt, ceiling, floor, trunc, round, signif, cos, sin, tan, acos, asin, atan, log, log, log10, exp, mean, median, sd, var, quantile, range, sum, diff, min, max, scale, ...`

- Character

`nchar, substr, grep, strsplit, paste, toupper, tolower, sub, gsub, ...`

- Misc

`length, seq, rep, cut, pretty, cat`

- Conversion

`as.vector, as.numeric, as.character, unlist, as.matrix, as.data.frame, as.Date`

- Statistic

`rnorm, runif, rbinom, ...`