

Introduction to R

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- ▶ R is available at the KTH computers
- ▶ If you want to install it yourself it is available at <https://cran.r-project.org/>
- ▶ Rstudio an IDE for R is available at <https://www.rstudio.com/products/RStudio/>
- ▶ There is an introduction to R starting at page 42 in the book
- ▶ There is a reference between MATLAB and R function names at <https://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Hiebeler-matlabR.pdf>
- ▶ Google is your friend. There are plenty of packages available for R which is one reason for Rs popularity

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- ▶ Comments are made with *#*
- ▶ Assignment is done with *<-* or *=*
- ▶ Vectors are created with the function *c*

```
x = c(1, 2, 3)
```

- ▶ We can then apply functions on the vector. For instance the length of the vector is given by:

```
length(x)
```

Matrices

- ▶ Matrices are created with *matrix*

The code below creates a matrix with 2 rows and 3 columns

```
x = matrix(data = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), 2, 3)
```

- ▶ It will be filled row by row so the first row is 1,2,3

Vector and Matrix operators

- ▶ Access a vector or matrix element by using `[]`. The index starts at 1

```
x = c(1, 2, 3)
x[1]
```

- ▶ By inputting vectors to the `[]` operator we can access several elements at once

```
x[ c(1, 3), c(2, 4) ]
```

- ▶ The first vector tells which rows to get and the second the columns
- ▶ So `c(1,3)`, `c(2,4)` will return the positions 1,2 1,4 3,2 3,4

Vector and Matrix operators

- Possible to add, subtract matrices and vectors etc

```
x = c(1, 2, 3)
```

```
y = c(4, 5, 6)
```

```
z = x+y
```

File Reading

- ▶ To read a file containing data use *read.table()* or *read.csv()*
- ▶ These functions have plenty of options to set how to handle delimiters, missing values etc
- ▶ For instance if we want to read the Iris flower dataset we can use

```
irisData = read.csv('pathToIrisData.csv',  
                    header = TRUE, sep = ",")
```

- ▶ The Iris data has now been stored in a *data frame*

Data Frames

- ▶ Data Frames are a common data structure in R
- ▶ In some ways they behave similar to a matrix, we can for instance access column number two with

```
irisData[, 2]
```

- ▶ However we can also access it by using \$ and its column name, in this case `sepal_width`

```
irisData$sepal_width
```

- ▶ Some functions need data frames as input while others need matrices. It can also depend on the data types inside the data frame

Data Frame Example

- ▶ In this example we will do a t-test between the sepal width variable of the two classes Setosa and Virginica
- ▶ First we need to get the data. The rows below return two vectors with TRUE and FALSE based on the class

```
irisVirginicaBool = irisData$class=='Iris-virginica'  
irisSetosaBool = irisData$class=='Iris-setosa'
```

- ▶ We can use the boolean vectors to get the rows containing the data of the two classes by using the index operator []

```
irisVirginica = irisData[irisVirginicaBool,]  
irisSetosa = irisData[irisSetosaBool,]
```

- ▶ The test itself is then done with:

```
t.test(irisVirginica$sepal_width,  
irisSetosa$sepal_width, var.equal=FALSE,  
paired=FALSE)
```

Graphics

- ▶ Plots can be done with *plot*. It has various options for labels, colors, etc
- ▶ We can save the plot as pdf by using:

```
pdf('Figure.pdf')  
plot(x, y)  
dev.off()
```

- ▶ *dev.off()* tells R that we are done with the plot so it writes it to the file

Functions

- ▶ We can also write our own functions
- ▶ They are formatted as:

```
functionName = function(arguments)
{
    code
}
```

- ▶ The function below computes the square of the input argument

```
square = function(x)
{
    return x*x
}
```

Packages and Libraries

- ▶ Packages and libraries for R can be found on the Cran webpage
- ▶ Installed with *install.packages()*
- ▶ They are loaded with *load()*
- ▶ They stay loaded until unloaded or the workspace is cleared

Bootstrap

- ▶ Bootstrap can be done with help of the library *boot*

```
library("boot")
```

```
boot(data=irisData, statistic=func, R=1000)
```

- ▶ The statistic is which function to run on each bootstrap sample. R sets the number of bootstraps. In this case we will do 1000 bootstraps using the statistic from the function `func` on the dataset `irisData`
- ▶ The function takes two arguments. The bootstrapped data and the index of the current bootstrap

Bootstrap

- To do the equivalent bootstrap of the t-test we can define the function as

```
func = function(data,b) {  
  d = data[b,]  
  
  dVirginica = d[irisData$class=='Iris-virginica',]  
  dSetosa = d[irisData$class=='Iris-setosa',]  
  
  return(mean(dVirginica$sepal_width) -  
  mean(dSetosa$sepal_width) )  
}
```

Exercises

- ▶ The best way to familiarize yourself with a new language is to use it
- ▶ The book has applied exercises on R in pages 54 to 57