

An Introduction to R

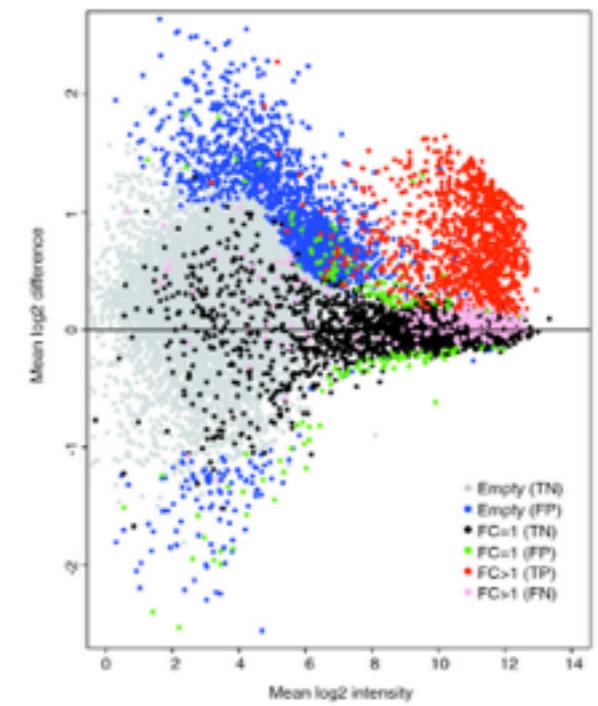
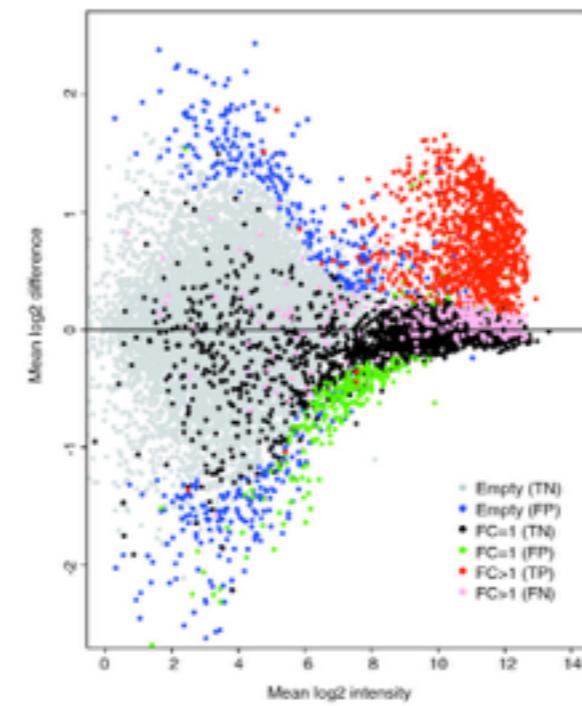
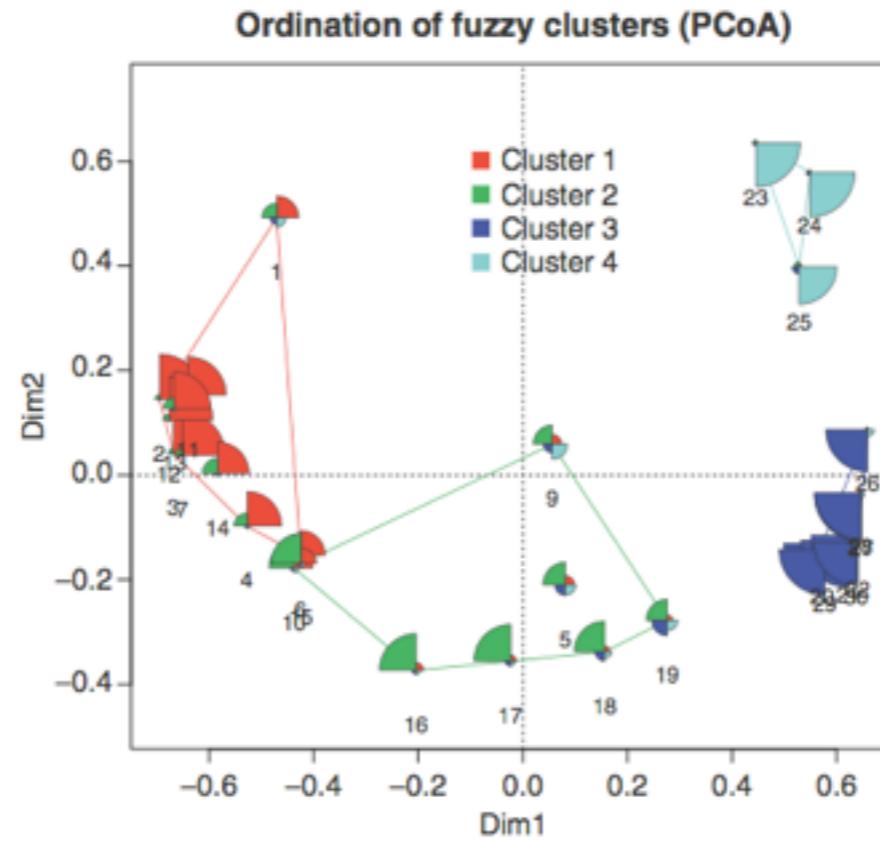
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What is R?

A free software environment for statistical computing and graphics.



Why is R useful?

- Data management and manipulation
- Well established system of packages and documentation
- Support for rich statistical simulation and modeling
- High-level interpreted language to prototype new computational methods
- Active development and dedicated community
- Cutting-edge graphical data visualization
- Free!

Where to learn more about R

- The R Project Homepage: <http://www.r-project.org>
- Quick R Homepage: <http://www.statmethods.net>
- Bioconductor: <http://www.bioconductor.org>
- An Introduction to R (long!): <http://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/R-intro.html>
- Google - there are tons of tutorials, guides, demos, packages and more

R for Biologists

- Bioconductor (<http://bioconductor.org>)
 - 824 packages:
 - Variant detection: coding changes, PolyPhen database
 - Annotation: pathway analysis, access GO, KEGG, NCBI and many others
 - High-throughput assays: flow cytometry, mass spec
 - Transcription factor binding detection
- Ecology (see: <http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/Environmetrics.html>)
 - Ordination
 - Cluster Analysis
 - Ecological Theory
 - Population Dynamics
 - Spatial Data Analysis
- Phylogenetics and Evolution (see: <http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/Phylogenetics.html>)
 - Ancestral State Reconstruction
 - Phylogenetic Inference
 - Trait Evolution

Obtaining R

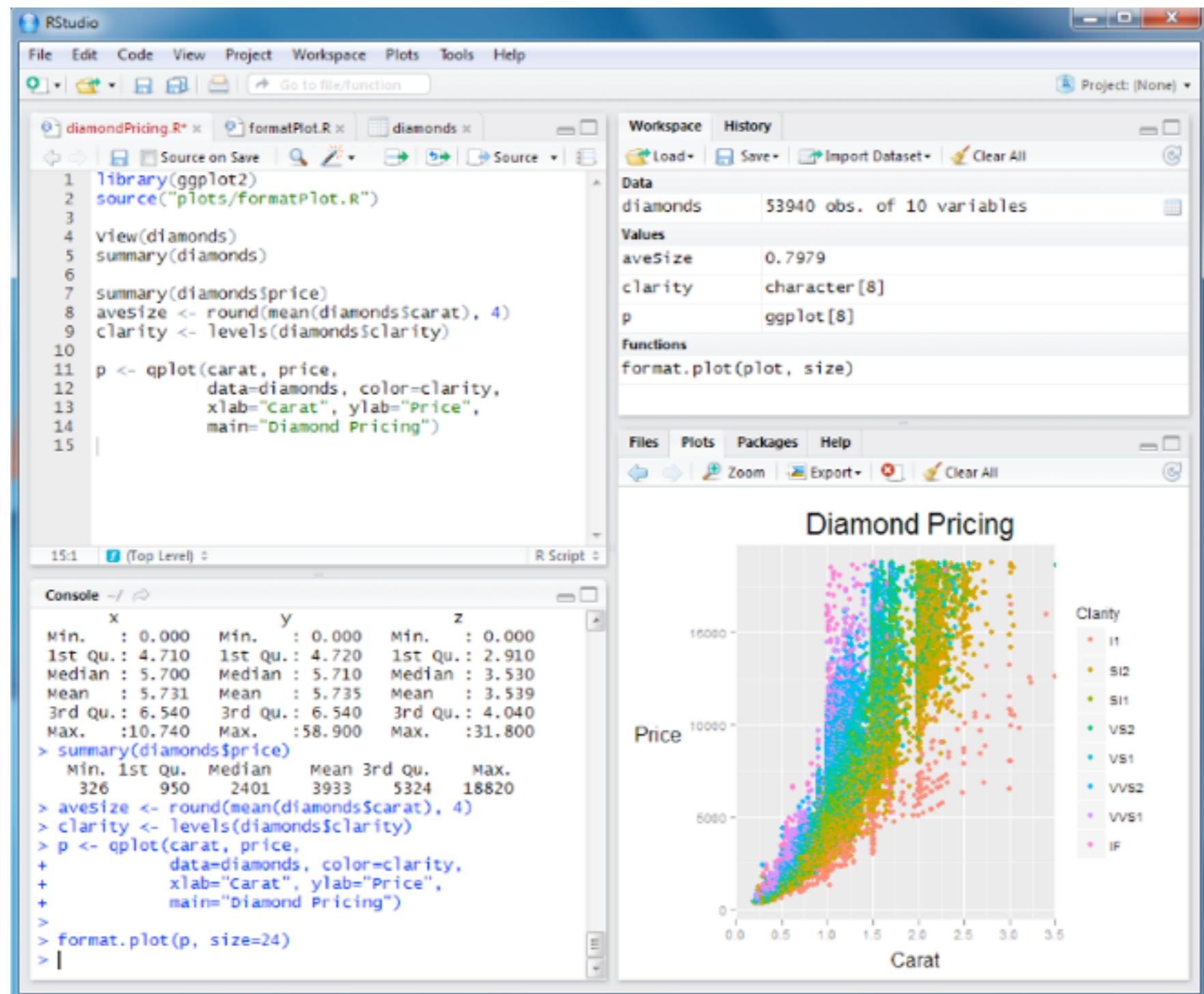
- Ubuntu
 - sudo apt-get update
 - sudo apt-get install r-base r-base dev
 - ... or use the Ubuntu package manager
- Install directly from CRAN (The Comprehensive R Archive Network)
 - <http://cran.r-project.org/bin/macosx/>



Running R

- Install a R Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
 - RStudio: <http://www.rstudio.com>
 - R Commander: <http://socscerv.mcmaster.ca/jfox/Misc/Rcmdr/>
 - Both projects can make working with R much easier, particularly for a new R user
 - Both IDE's run on Windows, Mac or Linux OS
- Or from the command line, type R

R Studio



Basic R functionality

Calculator

- +, -, /, *, ^, log(), exp(), sqrt(),
abs(), cos(), sin(), tan(), ...

```
(4+5^2)/3.14  
[1] 9.235669
```

Set Variables / Vectors

```
y=13.4          y=c(1,2,3,4,5)  
>y              >y  
[1] 13.4        [1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

Sequences

```
y=rep(2,10)    [1] 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2  
y=2:8          [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
```

Statistics

```
t.test(7:34, 5:29)
```

```
t = 1.6348, df = 50.999, p-value = 0.1082  
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not  
equal to 0  
95 percent confidence interval:  
-0.797982 7.797982  
sample estimates:  
mean of x mean of y  
20.5      17.0
```

Manipulation I

```
n=c(3, 7, 12, 50, 103)
```

```
n[4] [1] 50
```

```
n[-2] [1] 3 12 50 103
```

```
n[1:3] [1] 3 7 12
```

```
n[c(1,3,5)] [1] 3 12 103
```

```
n[n<50] [1] 3 7 12
```

```
n[n>8 & n!=50] [1] 12 103
```

Manipulation II

n=c(3, 7, 12, 50, 103)

n+1 [1] 4 8 13 51 103

sum(n) [1] 175

mean(n) [1] 35

var(n) [1] 1796.5

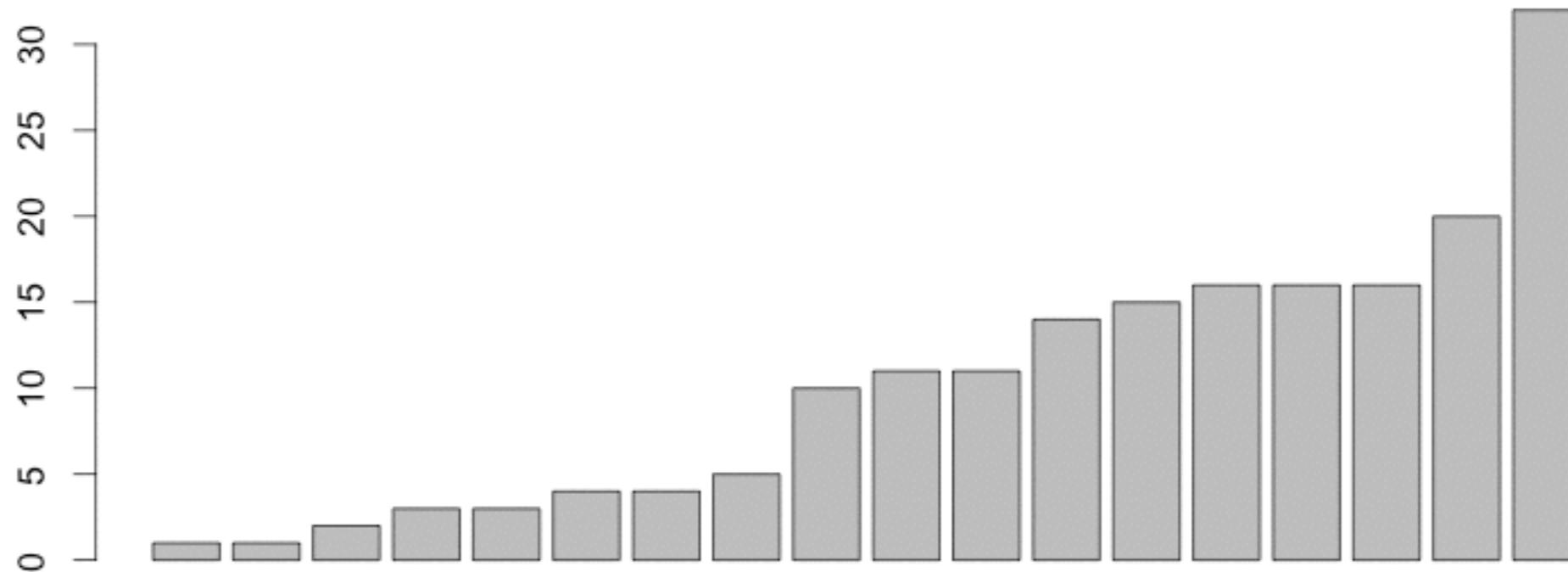
min(n) [1] 3

max(n) [1] 103

Basic Visualization I

```
y=c(1,1,2,3,3,4,4,5,10,11,11,14,15,16,16,16,20,32)
```

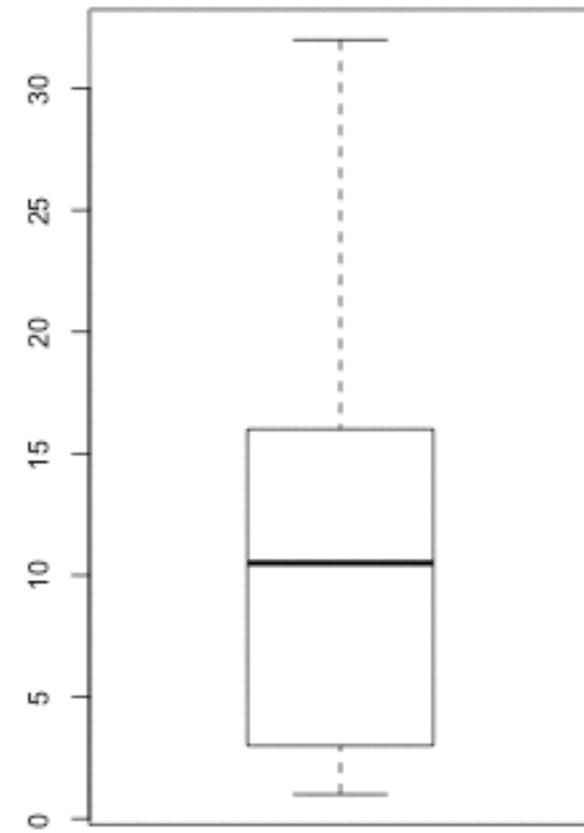
```
barplot(y)
```



Basic Visualization II

```
y=c(1,1,2,3,3,4,4,5,10,11,11,14,15,16,16,16,20,32)
```

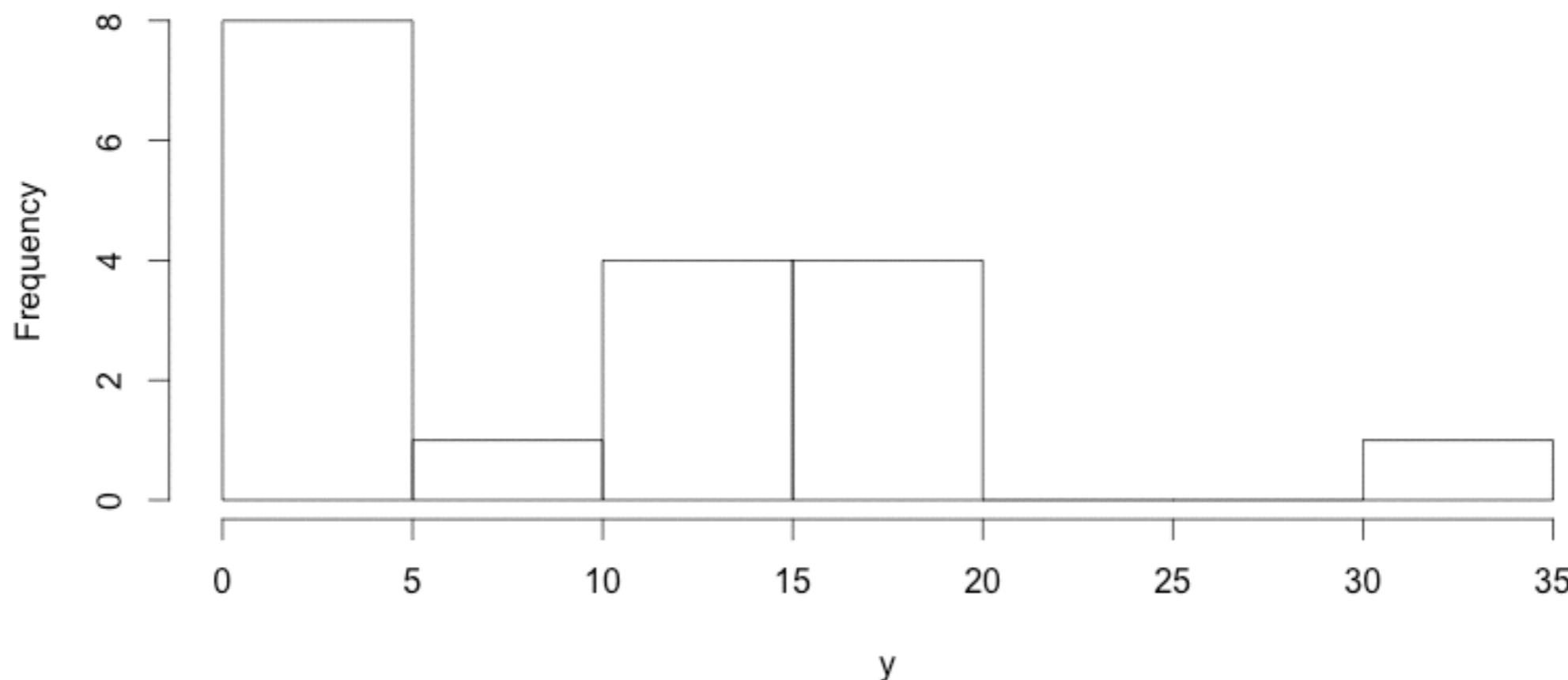
```
boxplot(y)
```



Basic Visualization III

```
y=c(1,1,2,3,3,4,4,5,10,11,11,14,15,16,16,16,20,32)
```

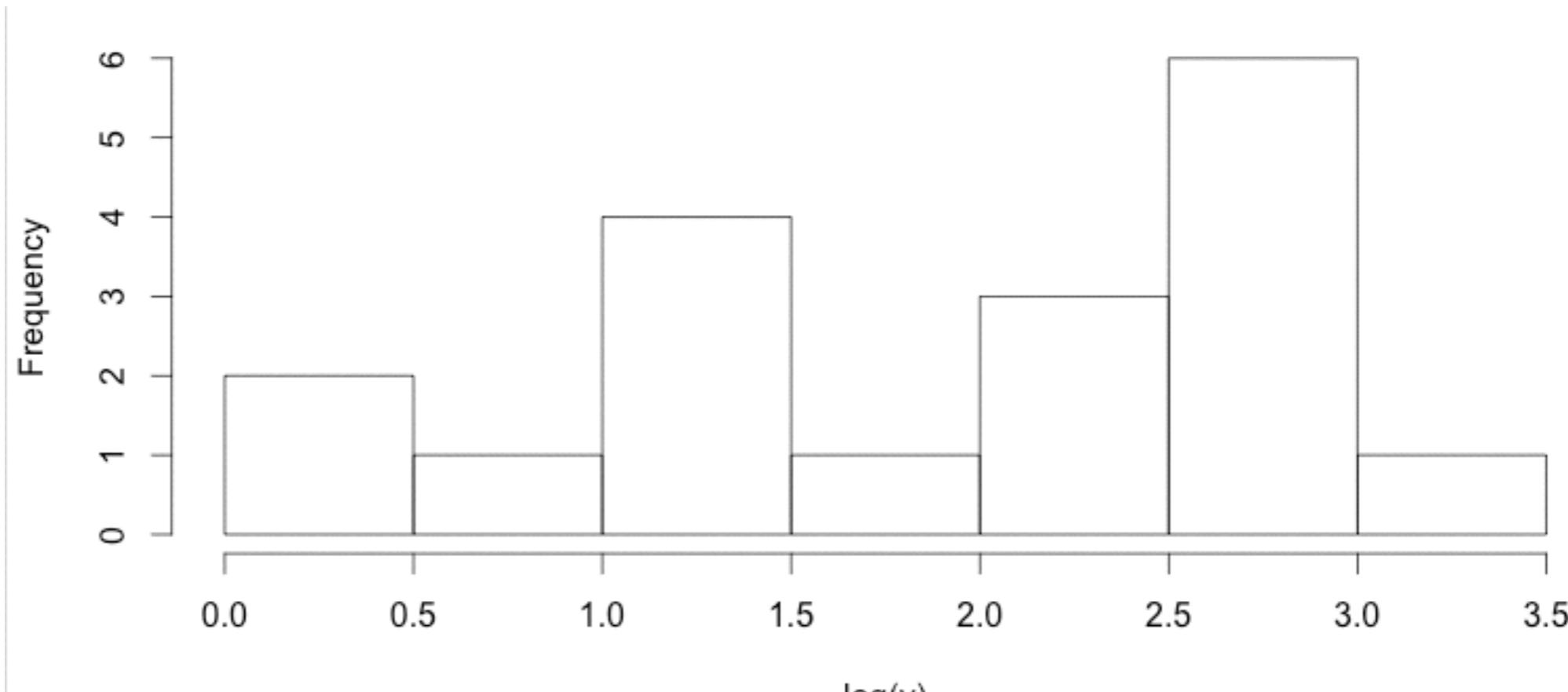
```
hist(y)
```



Basic Visualization III.i

```
y=c(1,1,2,3,3,4,4,5,10,11,11,14,15,16,16,16,20,32)
```

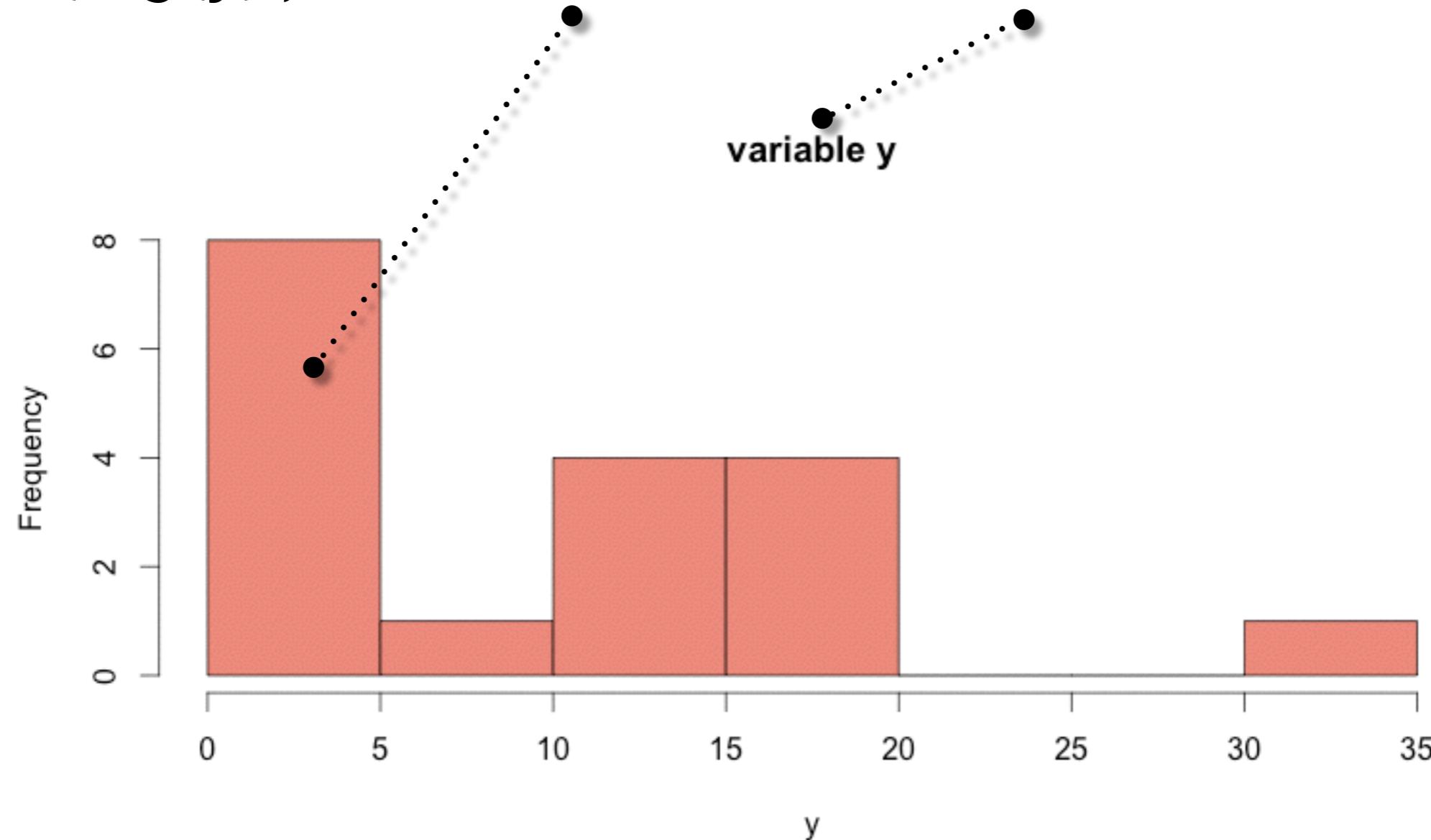
```
hist(log(y))
```



Basic Visualization III.ii

```
y=c(1,1,2,3,3,4,4,5,10,11,11,14,15,16,16,16,20,32)
```

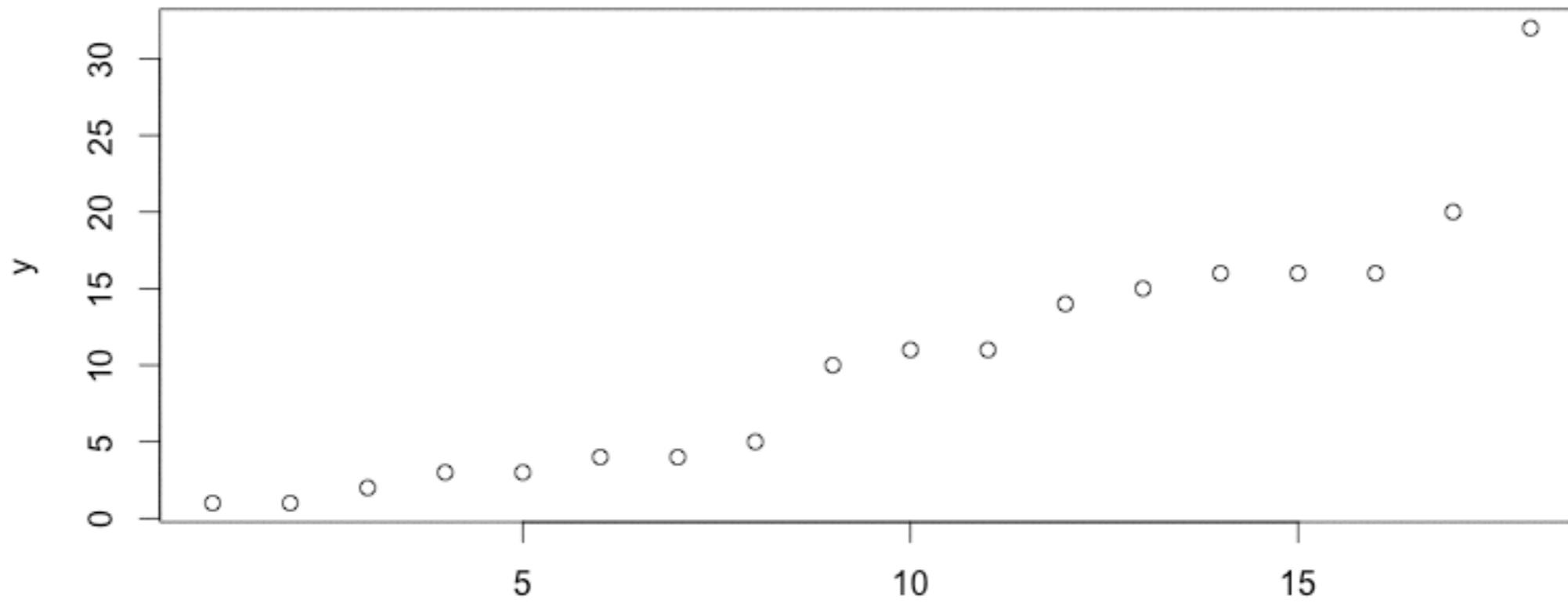
```
hist(log(y),
```



Basic Visualization IV

`y=(1,1,2,3,3,4,4,5,10,11,11,14,15,16,16,16,20,32)`

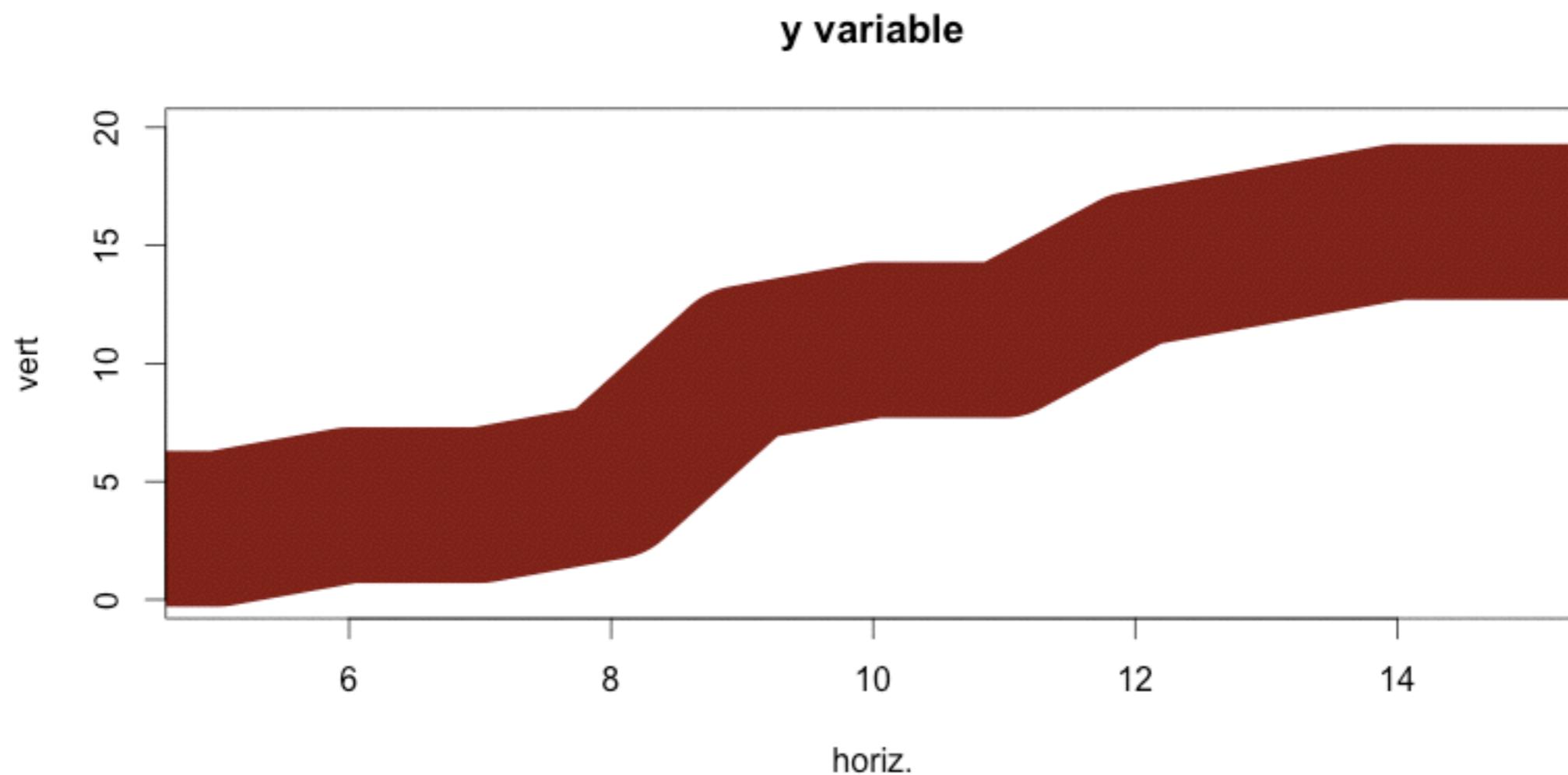
`plot(y)`



Basic Visualization IV.ii

```
y=(1,1,2,3,3,4,4,5,10,11,11,14,15,16,16,16,20,32)
```

```
plot(y, type="l", col="dark red", lwd=100, main="y  
variable", ylim=c(0,20), xlim=c(5,15), ylab="vert",  
xlab="horiz.")
```



Help

- Do you need to remember all of the variables?
- ? is your friend
- ?plot

plot {graphics}

Generic X-Y Plotting

Description

Generic function for plotting of R objects. For more details about the graphical parameter arguments, see [par](#).

For simple scatter plots, [plot.default](#) will be used. However, there are plot methods for many R objects, including [functions](#), [data.frames](#), [density](#) objects, etc. Use [methods\(plot\)](#) and the documentation for these.

Usage

`plot(x, y, ...)`

R Documentation

type

what type of plot should be drawn. Possible types are

- "p" for points,
- "l" for lines,
- "b" for both,
- "c" for the lines part alone of "b",
- "o" for both 'overplotted',
- "h" for 'histogram' like (or 'high-density') vertical lines,
- "s" for stair steps,
- "S" for other steps, see 'Details' below,
- "n" for no plotting.

Data Frames

- A `data.frame` is essentially a table

- columns can be mixed types

- numeric, text strings

- rows must be same type

	clostridia	proteobacteria	bacteroides
01_healthy	22	54	245
02_healthy	26	65	265
03_healthy	34	66	262
01_sick	32	32	116
02_sick	12	24	101
03_sick	9	18	87

`data.frame[-1,-2]`

	clostridia	bacteroides
02_healthy	26	265
03_healthy	34	262
01_sick	32	116
02_sick	12	101
03_sick	9	87

Data Frame Manipulations

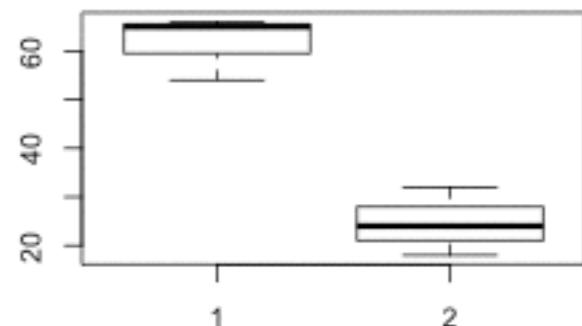
	clostridia	proteobacteria	bacteroides
01_healthy	22	54	245
02_healthy	26	65	265
03_healthy	34	66	262
01_sick	32	32	116
02_sick	12	24	101
03_sick	9	18	87

```
data.frame$proteobacteria [1] 54 65 66 32 24 18
```

```
t.test(data.frame$proteobacteria[1:3], data.frame  
$proteobacteria[4:6])
```

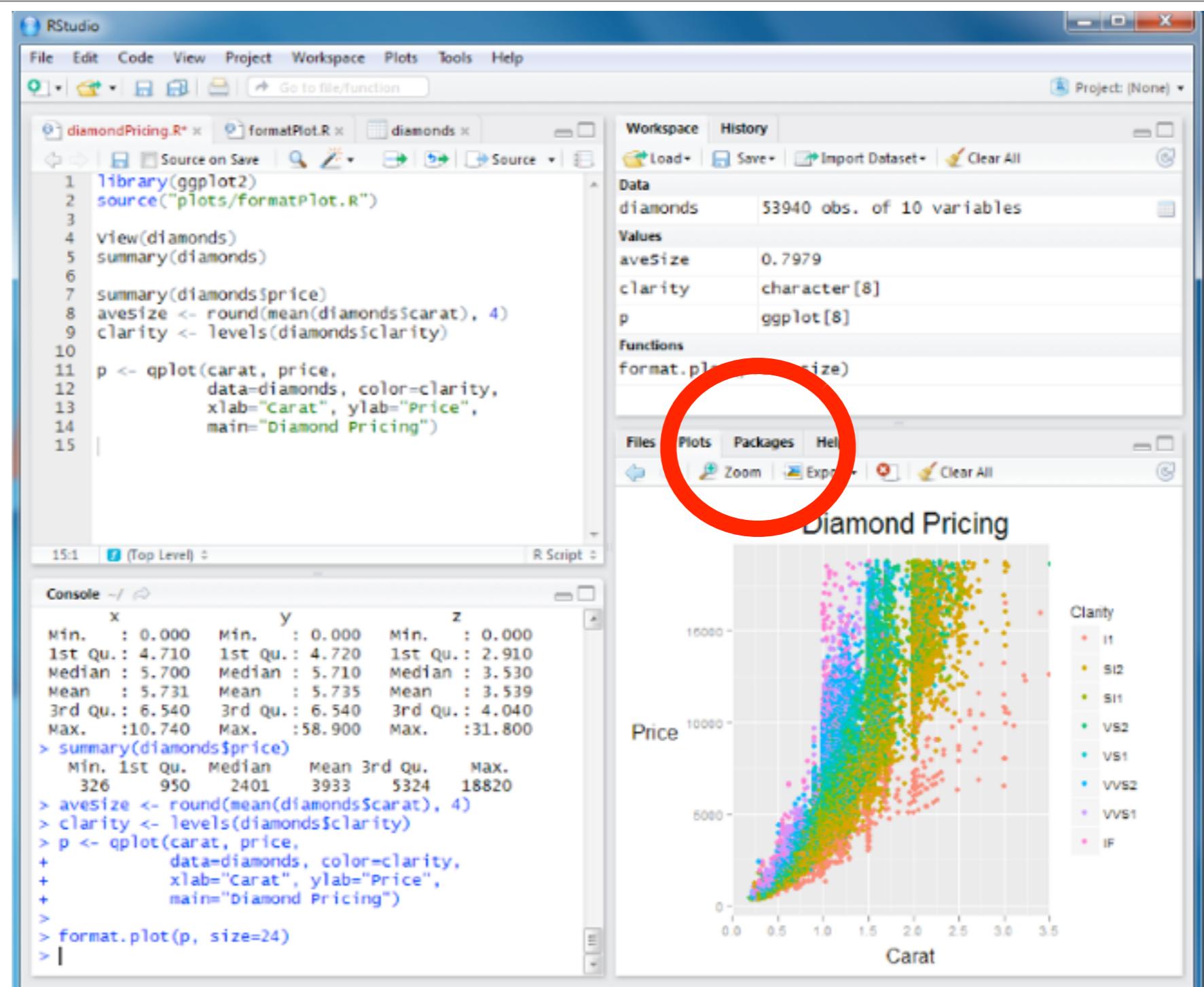
p-value = 0.002725

```
boxplot(data.frame$proteobacteria[1:3], data.frame  
$proteobacteria[4:6])
```



Basic R Mechanics

R Mechanics - Installing Packages



```
install.packages("vegan")
```

Getting Data Into and Out of R

Step 1: **S**et **W**orking **D**irectory

```
setwd("~/scott/data/R")
```

Step 2: Read in some data

```
bacteria <- read.table("bacterial_table.txt")
```

Step 3: Work with data

```
bacteria_2 <- bacteria[-2]
```

Step 4: Write data

```
write.table(bacteria_2,file="updated_bacteria")
```

Getting Help in R

?write.table

Description

`write.table` prints its required argument `x` (after converting it to a data frame if it is not one nor a matrix) to a file or [connection](#).

Usage

```
write.table(x, file = "", append = FALSE, quote = TRUE, sep = " ",  
            eol = "\n", na = "NA", dec = ".", row.names = TRUE,  
            col.names = TRUE, qmethod = c("escape", "double"),  
            fileEncoding = "")  
  
write.csv(...)  
write.csv2(...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | the object to be written, preferably a matrix or data frame. If not, it is attempted to coerce <code>x</code> to a data frame. |
| <code>file</code> | either a character string naming a file or a connection open for writing. <code>" "</code> indicates output to the console. |
| <code>append</code> | logical. Only relevant if <code>file</code> is a character string. If <code>TRUE</code> , the output is appended to the file. If <code>FALSE</code> , any existing file of the name is destroyed. |

R Studio Overview
