

Biometry. Lecture 3

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```
> setwd("<working folder>")  
or  
"Change dir"  
in menu!
```

(`getwd()` is for checking the folder, `dir()` checks the folder content)



Sampling with R

Population and sample



Population and sample

- (Statistical) population—all research objects
- Sample—subset



Errors of sampling and complete investigation

- Representation: sample may not adequately represent population
- Accuracy: the complete (total) investigation always has less accuracy



Replication

- Replication: Every effect should be researched several times
- Every replicate should be independent!



How many replicates?

- As many as possible
- 30



Randomization

- Randomization: every object should have equal chances to be in the sample. This looks similar but
- One of the best ways: introduce order which is knowingly absent in nature



Sampling with R

```
> data <- scan("http://ashipunov.info/data/data.txt")
> data # some biological data
> sample(data, 15)
> sample(data, 15)
> sample(data, 15)
> # Sampling with replacement
> sample(data, 15, replace=T) # same as "replace=TRUE"
> ?sample # calls help which tells what "replace" means
> sample(0:1, 1) # coin
> sample(1:6, 1) # dice
> sample(1:6, 2, replace=TRUE) # two dice!
```



Sampling with R

Bootstrapping in R



Bootstrap and jackknife

- **Bootstrap** is the resampling method which replaces part of sample with the subsample of its own (sampling with replacement)
- **Jackknife** is similar but in this case observations will be taking out one by one without replacement

These methods were actively promoted from 1970s (B. Efron, 1979–1982) but only recently started to be used widely



How to bootstrap the mean

```
> spur <- scan("http://ashipunov.info/data/spur.txt")
> library(bootstrap) # we probably need to install it:
> # install.packages("bootstrap") # note plural and quotes
> result <- bootstrap(x=spur, 100, function(x) mean(x))
> mean(result$thetastar) # dollar used to call from inside
```



How to jackknife the mean

```
> result.j <- jackknife(x=spur, function(x) mean(x))  
> mean(result.j$jack.values)
```



Save your commands!

- On Windows and Unix/Linux: `savehistory()` command
- Different on Mac: it is best to save all contents of R console
- The best name for the file is probably "20160125.r"



Summary

- `getwd()` to check working folder; `setwd()` to change working folder
- **Replication** and **randomization** are two basic principles of research
- Descriptive methods *show*, inferential methods *prove*



For Further Reading



A. Shipunov.

Biometry [Electronic resource].

2012—onwards.

Mode of access:

http://ashipunov.info/shipunov/school/biol_240



A. Shipunov, and many others.

Visual statistics. Use R!

2015—onwards.

Mode of access: http://ashipunov.info/shipunov/school/biol_240/en/visual_statistics.pdf

