# AniMove general R Reference Card

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help(topic) documentation on topic ?topic short alternative to help

help.search("topic") search the help system

apropos("topic") the names of all objects in the search list matching the regular expression "topic"

help.start() start the HTML version of help

methods(a) e.g. methods(summary) gives all summary commands

Information about your data

str(a) display the internal structure of an R object

summary(a) gives a "summary" of a, usually a statistical summary but it is *generic* meaning it has different operations for different classes of a

1s() show objects in the search path; specify pat="pat" to search on a pattern

dir() show files in the current directory

## Input and output

source("script.R") includes and executes script.R in this place read.table(f) reads a file in table format and creates a data frame from it; the default separator sep="" is any whitespace; use header=TRUE to read the first line as a header of column names; use as.is=TRUE to prevent character vectors from being converted to factors; use comment.char="" to prevent "#" from being interpreted as a comment; use skip=n to skip n lines before reading data; see the help for options on row naming, NA treatment, and others

read.csv(f,header=TRUE) id. but with defaults set for reading comma-delimited files

print(a, ...) prints its arguments; generic, meaning it can have different methods for different objects

write.table(x, file=f,row.names=TRUE, col.names=TRUE, sep=" ") prints x after converting to a data frame; if quote is TRUE, character or factor columns are surrounded by quotes ("); sep is the field separator; eol is the endof-line separator; na is the string for missing values; use col.names=NA to add a blank column header to get the column headers aligned correctly for spreadsheet input

data(f) loads specified data sets

For database interaction, see packages RODBC, DBI, RMySQL, RPgSQL, ROracle, for other file formats see XML, hdf5, netCDF

## Data creation & removal

c(...) generic function to combine arguments with the default forming a vector; with recursive=TRUE descends through lists combining all elements into one vector

from: to generates a sequence; ":" has operator priority; 1:4 + 1 returns 2 3 4 5

seq(from,to) generates a sequence by= specifies increment; length= specifies desired length

seq(along=x) generates 1, 2, ..., length(along); useful for for

rep(x,times) replicate x times; use each= to repeat "each" element of x each times: rep(c(1,2,3),2) is 1 2 3 1 2 3: rep(c(1,2,3), each=2) is 1 1 2 2 3 3

data.frame(...) create a data frame of the named or unnamed ar- x[,c(1,3)] columns 1 and 3 guments; data.frame(v=1:4,ch=c("a","B","c","d"),n=10); x["name",] row named "name" shorter vectors are recycled to the length of the longest

list(...) create a list of the named or unnamed arguments; list(a=c(1,2),b="hi",c=3i);

array(x,dim=) array with data x; specify dimensions like dim=c(3,4,2); elements of x recycle if x is not long enough

matrix(x,nrow=,ncol=) matrix; elements of x recycle

factor(x.levels=) encodes a vector x as a factor

expand.grid() a data frame from all combinations of the supplied vectors or factors

cbind(df1, df2), rbind(df1, df2) combine arguments by columns (rows) for data frames and the like

rm(obj) removes object rm(list = ls(all = TRUE)) removes all objects



Indexing your data

## addressing vectors

v[n]	$\mathbf{n}^{th}$ element
v[-n]	all $but$ the $\mathbf{n}^{th}$ element
v[1:n]	first n elements
v[-(1:n)]	elements from ${\tt n+1}$ to the end
v[c(1,4,2)]	specific elements
v["name"]	element named "name"
v[x > 3]	all elements greater than 3
v[x > 3 & x < 5]	all elements between 3 and 5
<pre>v[x %in% c("a","and","the")]</pre>	elements in the given set

#### addressing lists

x[n]	list with elements n
x[[n]]	n <sup>th</sup> element of the list
x[["name"]]	element of the list named "name"
x\$name	id.

#### addressing matrices

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element at row i, column j
x[i,]
           row i
x[,i]
           column j
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## adressing data frames

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similar functions as in the matrix indexing plus:
df[["name"]] column named "name"
df$name
             column named "name"
df[,"name"] column named "name"
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## Variable information

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is.na(x), is.null(x), is.array(x), is.data.frame(x),
      is.numeric(x), is.complex(x), is.character(x), ...
      test for type; for a complete list, use methods(is)
length(x) number of elements in x
dim(x) Retrieve or set the dimension of an object: dim(x) <-
      c(3,2)
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dimnames (x) Retrieve or set the dimension names of an object nrow(x) number of rows; NROW(x) is the same but treats a vector as a one-row matrix

ncol(x) and NCOL(x) id. for columns

class(x) get or set the class of x; class(x) <- "myclass"</pre>

unclass(x) remove the class attribute of x

attr(x, which) get or set the attribute which of x

attributes(obj) get or set the list of attributes of obj

# Data selection and manipulation

which.max(v), which.min(v) returns the index of the maximum (minimum) element of v

rev(v) reverses the elements of v

sort(v) sorts the elements of v in increasing order; to sort in decreasing order: rev(sort(x))

cut(x, breaks) divides x into intervals (factors); breaks is the number of cut intervals or a vector of cut points

match(x, y) returns a vector of the same length than x with the elements of x which are in y (NA otherwise)

which (x == a) returns a vector of the indices of x if the comparison operation is true (TRUE)

na.omit(x) suppresses the observations with missing data (NA)

na.fail(x) returns an error message if x contains at least one NA unique(x) if x is a vector or a data frame, returns a similar object but with the duplicate elements suppressed

table(x) returns a table with the numbers of the differents values of x (typically for integers or factors)

subset(x, ...) returns a selection of x with respect to criteria  $(\ldots, \text{typically comparisons: } x$V1 < 10); if x is a data frame,$ the option select gives the variables to be kept or dropped using a minus sign

sample(x, size) resample randomly and without replacement size elements in the vector x, the option replace = TRUE allows to resample with replacement

## Math

sin,cos,tan,asin,acos,atan,atan2,log,log10,exp

range(x) id. then c(min(x), max(x))

sum(x) sum of the elements of x

diff(x) lagged and iterated differences of vector x

prod(x) product of the elements of x

mean(x) mean of the elements of x

median(x) median of the elements of x

quantile(x,probs=) sample quantiles corresponding to the given probabilities (defaults to 0,.25,.5,.75,1)

weighted.mean(x, w) mean of x with weights w

rank(x) ranks of the elements of x

var(x) or cov(x) variance of the elements of x (calculated on n-1); if x is a matrix or a data frame, the variance-covariance matrix is calculated

sd(x) standard deviation of x

cor(x) correlation matrix of x if it is a matrix or a data frame (1 xtabs(a b,data=x) a contingency table from cross-classifying facif x is a vector)

var(x, y) or cov(x, y) covariance between x and y, or between the columns of x and those of y if they are matrices or data

cor(x, y) linear correlation between x and y, or correlation matrix if they are matrices or data frames

round(x, n) rounds the elements of x to n decimals

log(v, base) computes the logarithm of x with base base log10(v)  ${\tt base}=\!\!10$ 

scale(x) if x is a matrix, centers and reduces the data; to center only use the option center=FALSE, to reduce only scale=FALSE (by default center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)

pmin(x,y,...) a vector which ith element is the minimum of x[i], v[i]....

pmax(x,y,...) id. for the maximum

cumsum(v) a vector which ith element is the sum from x[1] to x[i]

cumprod(v)  $f_i = \prod_{i=1...i} x_i = (x_1, x_1 \cdot x_2, ...)$ 

cummin(v)  $f_i = \min(x_1 \dots x_i)$ 

cummax(v) id. for the maximum

union(x,y), intersect(x,y), setdiff(x,y), setequal(x,y), is.element(el,set) "set" functions

fft(v) Fast Fourier Transform mvfft(x) FFT of each column of a matrix

filter(x, filter) applies linear filtering to a univariate time series or to each series separately of a multivariate time series

### Matrices

t(x) transpose

diag(x) diagonal

%\*% matrix multiplication and scalar product

solve(a,b) solves a %% x = b for x

solve(a) matrix inverse of a

rowsum(x) sum of rows for a matrix-like object; rowSums(x) is a faster version

colsum(x), colSums(x) id. for columns

rowMeans(x) fast version of row means colMeans(x) id. for columns

# Advanced data processing

The apply family functions are very powerful and fast, they do replace a 'for loop' but are difficult to grasp.

apply (X, INDEX, FUN=) a vector or array or list of values obtained by applying a function FUN to margins (INDEX) of X

lapply(X,FUN) apply FUN to each element of the list X

tapply(X,INDEX,FUN=) apply FUN to each cell of a ragged array given by X with indexes INDEX

by(data,INDEX,FUN) apply FUN to data frame data subsetted by

merge(a,b) merge two data frames by common columns or row names

aggregate(df, by, FUN) splits a data frame into subsets, computes summary statistics for each, and returns the result in a convenient form; by is a list of grouping elements, each as long as the variables in the data frame

stack(x, ...) transform data available as separate columns in a data frame or list into a single column

unstack(x, ...) inverse of stack()

#### Reshaping your data

cast(x, ...) reshapes a data frame between 'wide' format with repeated measurements in separate columns of the same record and 'long' format with the repeated measurements in separate records; use (direction="wide") or (direction="long")

melt(x, ...) melts an object into a form suitable for casting

# Strings

paste(s1,s2, sep=" ") concatenate vectors after converting to character; collapse= is an optional string to separate "collapsed" results pasteO(s1,s2) paste without seperator (since R 2.15)

substr(s, start, stop) substrings in a character vector; can also assign, as substr(s, start, stop) <- value

strsplit(s,split) split s according to the substring split grep(pattern.s) search pattern in s: see ?regex

tolower(s), toupper(s) convert to lowercase (uppercase)

match(x.table) a vector of the positions of first matches for the elements of x among table

x %in% table id. but returns a logical vector

## **Dates and Times**

All animal tracks come with a time stamp. The class Date has dates without times. POSIXct has dates and times, including time zones. Comparisons (e.g. >), seq(), and difftime() are useful. Date also allows + and -. ?DateTimeClasses gives more information. See also package chron.

as.Date(s) and as.POSIXct(s) convert to the respective class; format(dt) converts to a string representation. The default string format is "2012-02-21". These accept a second argument to specify a format for conversion. Some common formats are:

%a, %A Abbreviated and full weekday name.

%b. %B Abbreviated and full month name.

%d Day of the month (01-31).

%H Hours (00-23).

%I Hours (01–12).

%j Day of year (001–366).

%m Month (01–12).

%M Minute (00-59).

%p AM/PM indicator.

%S Second as decimal number (00–61).

%U Week (00-53); the first Sunday as day 1 of week 1.

%w Weekday (0-6, Sunday is 0).

W Week (00-53); the first Monday as day 1 of week 1.

%y Year without century (00-99). Avoid it.

%Y Year with century.

%z (read only) Offset from Greenwich; -0800 is 8 hours west of.

%Z (read only) Time zone as a character string (empty if not available).

Where leading zeros are shown they will be used on output but are optional on input. See ?strftime.



# **Plotting**

Several plotting options exist in R to plot your results and these are constantly changing. Below you will find standard R plotting commands and further down more sophisticated options using e.g. ggplot2 functionality. Furthermore does R offer spatial data plotting options which can be found on the AniMove spatial cheat sheet.

plot(y) plot of the values of y (on the y-axis) ordered on the x-axis plot(x, y) bivariate plot of x agains y

hist(x) histogram of the frequencies of x

barplot(x) histogram of the values of x; use horiz=FALSE for horizontal bars

dotchart(x) if x is a data frame, plots a Cleveland dot plot (stacked plots line-by-line and column-by-column)

pie(x) circular pie-chart

boxplot(x) "box-and-whiskers" plot

sunflowerplot(x, y) id. than plot() but the points with similar coordinates are drawn as flowers which petal number represents the number of points

stripplot(x) plot of the values of x on a line (an alternative to boxplot() for small sample sizes)

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} coplot(x^*y \mid z) bivariate plot of $x$ and $y$ for each value or interval of values of $z$ \\ \end{tabular}$ 

interaction.plot (f1, f2, y) if f1 and f2 are factors, plots the
 means of y (on the y-axis) with respect to the values of
 f1 (on the x-axis) and of f2 (different curves); the option
 fun allows to choose the summary statistic of y (by default
 fun=mean)

matplot(x,y) bivariate plot of the first column of x vs. the first one of y, the second one of x vs. the second one of y, etc.

fourfoldplot(x) visualizes, with quarters of circles, the association between two dichotomous variables for different populations (x must be an array with dim=c(2, 2, k), or a matrix with dim=c(2, 2) if k=1)

assocplot(x) Cohen-Friendly graph showing the deviations from independence of rows and columns in a two dimensional contingency table

mosaicplot(x) 'mosaic' graph of the residuals from a log-linear regression of a contingency table

 $\begin{array}{l} {\tt pairs}({\tt x}) \ {\rm if} \ {\tt x} \ {\rm is} \ {\rm a} \ {\rm matrix} \ {\rm or} \ {\rm a} \ {\rm data} \ {\rm frame}, \ {\rm draws} \ {\rm all} \ {\rm possible} \ {\rm bivariate} \ {\rm plots} \ {\rm between} \ {\rm the} \ {\rm columns} \ {\rm of} \ {\tt x} \end{array}$ 

plot.ts(x) if x is an object of class "ts", plot of x with respect
 to time, x may be multivariate but the series must have the
 same frequency and dates

ts.plot(x) id. but if x is multivariate the series may have different dates and must have the same frequency

 $\label{eq:qqnorm(x)} \mbox{ quantiles of } x \mbox{ with respect to the values expected under} \\ \mbox{ a normal law}$ 

filled.contour(x, y, z) id. but the areas between the contours are coloured, and a legend of the colours is drawn as well

image(x, y, z) id. but with colours (actual data are plotted)
persp(x, y, z) id. but in perspective (actual data are plotted)

stars(x) if x is a matrix or a data frame, draws a graph with segments or a star where each row of x is represented by a star and the columns are the lengths of the segments

symbols(x, y, ...) draws, at the coordinates given by x and y,
symbols (circles, squares, rectangles, stars, thermometres or
"boxplots") which sizes, colours ... are specified by supplementary arguments

termplot(mod.obj) plot of the (partial) effects of a regression model (mod.obj)

The following parameters are common to many plotting functions:

add=FALSE if TRUE superposes the plot on the previous one (if it
 exists)

axes=TRUE if FALSE does not draw the axes and the box

type="p" specifies the type of plot, "p": points, "l": lines, "b":
 points connected by lines, "o": id. but the lines are over the
 points, "h": vertical lines, "s": steps, the data are represented by the top of the vertical lines, "S": id. but the data
 are represented by the bottom of the vertical lines

xlim=, ylim= specifies the lower and upper limits of the axes, for
example with xlim=c(1, 10) or xlim=range(x)

xlab=, ylab= annotates the axes, must be variables of mode character

main= main title, must be a variable of mode character sub= sub-title (written in a smaller font)

## Low-level plotting commands

points(x, y) adds points (the option type= can be used)

lines(x, y) id. but with lines

text(x, y, labels, ...) adds text given by labels at coordinates (x,y); a typical use is: plot(x, y, type="n");
text(x, y, names)

mtext(text, side=3, line=0, ...) adds text given by text in
 the margin specified by side (see axis() below); line specifies the line from the plotting area

 $\label{eq:segments} \begin{array}{lll} \text{segments}(\texttt{x0}, \, \texttt{y0}, \, \, \texttt{x1}, \, \, \texttt{y1}) & \text{draws lines from points} \, \, (\texttt{x0}, \texttt{y0}) & \text{to} \\ & \text{points} \, \, (\texttt{x1}, \texttt{y1}) & \\ \end{array}$ 

arrows(x0, y0, x1, y1, angle= 30, code=2) id. with arrows at points (x0,y0) if code=2, at points (x1,y1) if code=1, or both if code=3; angle controls the angle from the shaft of the arrow to the edge of the arrow head

abline(a,b) draws a line of slope b and intercept a

abline(lm.obj) draws the regression line given by lm.obj

legend(x, y, legend) adds the legend at the point (x,y) with the
 symbols given by legend

title() adds a title and optionally a sub-title

locator(n, type="n", ...) returns the coordinates (x, y) after the user has clicked n times on the plot with the mouse; also draws symbols (type="p") or lines (type="1") with respect to optional graphic parameters (...); by default nothing is drawn (type="n")

## Graphical parameters

These can be set globally with par(...); many can be passed as parameters to plotting commands.

- adj controls text justification (0 left-justified, 0.5 centred, 1 rightjustified)
- bg specifies the colour of the background (ex. : bg="red",
   bg="blue", ... the list of the 657 available colours is displayed with colors())
- bty controls the type of box drawn around the plot, allowed values are: "o", "l", "7", "c", "u" ou "]" (the box looks like the corresponding character); if bty="n" the box is not drawn
- cex a factor controlling the default size of texts and symbols; you
   can scale numbers on the axes, cex.axis, the axis labels,
   cex.lab, the title, cex.main, and the sub-title, cex.sub
- col controls the color of symbols and lines; use color names: "red",
   "blue" see colors() or as "#RRGGBB"; see rgb(), hsv(),
   gray(), and rainbow(); as for cex there are: col.axis,
   col.lab, col.main, col.sub
- font an integer which controls the style of text (1: normal, 2: italics, 3: bold, 4: bold italics); as for cex there are: font.axis, font.lab, font.main, font.sub
- las an integer which controls the orientation of the axis labels (0:
   parallel to the axes, 1: horizontal, 2: perpendicular to the
   axes, 3: vertical)
- lty controls the type of lines, can be an integer or string (1:
   "solid", 2: "dashed", 3: "dotted", 4: "dotdash", 5:
   "longdash", 6: "twodash", or a string of up to eight characters (between "0" and "9") which specifies alternatively the length, in points or pixels, of the drawn elements and the blanks, for example lty="44" will have the same effect than lty=2

lwd a numeric which controls the width of lines, default 1

- mar a vector of 4 numeric values which control the space between the axes and the border of the graph of the form c(bottom, left, top, right), the default values are c(5.1, 4.1, 4.1, 2.1)
- mfcol a vector of the form c(nr,nc) which partitions the graphic window as a matrix of nr lines and nc columns, the plots are then drawn in columns

mfrow id. but the plots are drawn by row

pch controls the type of symbol, either an integer between 1 and 25, or any single character within ""

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#### ggplot2

ggplot2 comes with its own syntax which is different from normal R syntax. It takes quite a while to learn it but produces very fancy graphics.

qplot(x=vx, y=vy, data=df) plots columns df\$vx and df\$vy
ggsave() save the last plot

ggplot2 comes with a lot of more functions, please read the ggplot2 manual for further information. The reshape2 package is very handy for reshaping your data and RColorBrewer increases your color choices.

# Lattice (Trellis) graphics

xyplot(y~x) bivariate plots (with many functionalities)

 $\label{eq:barchart} \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{barchart}(y^*x) \text{ histogram of the values of } y \text{ with respect to those} \\ \text{of } x \end{array}$ 

dotplot(y~x) Cleveland dot plot (stacked plots line-by-line and column-by-column)

densityplot(~x) density functions plot

histogram("x) histogram of the frequencies of x

bwplot(y~x) "box-and-whiskers" plot

qqmath("x) quantiles of x with respect to the values expected under a theoretical distribution

 $\label{eq:stripplot} \textbf{stripplot}(\textbf{y}^{\tilde{}}\textbf{x}) \text{ single dimension plot, } \textbf{x} \text{ must be numeric, } \textbf{y} \text{ may} \\ \text{be a factor}$ 

qq(y~x) quantiles to compare two distributions, x must be numeric, y may be numeric, character, or factor but must have two 'levels'

splom(~x) matrix of bivariate plots

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} levelplot(z~x*y|g1*g2) & coloured plot of the values of $z$ at the coordinates given by $x$ and $y$ ($x$, $y$ and $z$ are all of the same length) \\ \end{tabular}$ 

wireframe(z~x\*y|g1\*g2) 3d surface plot
cloud(z~x\*y|g1\*g2) 3d scatter plot

## Statistics, optimization and model fitting

aov(formula) analysis of variance model

anova(fit,...) analysis of variance (or deviance) tables for one or more fitted model objects

lm(formula) fit linear models; formula is typically of the form response termA + termB + ...; use  $I(x*y) + I(x^2)$  for terms made of nonlinear components

glm(formula,family=) fit generalized linear models, specified by
 giving a symbolic description of the linear predictor and a
 description of the error distribution; family is a description
 of the error distribution and link function to be used in the
 model; see ?family

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} {\tt nls(formula)} & nonlinear & least-squares & estimates & of the nonlinear \\ & model & parameters \\ \end{tabular}$ 

glm() generalized linear model

gam() generalized additive model

kmeans() kmeans clustering

tree() builds a decision tree

rpart() builds a decision tree

randomForest() random forest machine learning

maxent() Maximum Entropy model

svm() Support Vector Machines in the e1071 package, but other packages provide SVM as well such as: kernlab, klaR, svmpath, shogun

approx(x,y=) linearly interpolate given data points; x can be an xy plotting structure

spline(x,y=) cubic spline interpolation

loess(formula) fit a polynomial surface using local fitting
predict(fit...) predictions from fit based on input data

coef(fit) returns the estimated coefficients (sometimes with their standard-errors)

residuals(fit) returns the residuals

deviance(fit) returns the deviance

fitted(fit) returns the fitted values

logLik(fit) computes the logarithm of the likelihood and the number of parameters

AIC(fit) computes the Akaike information criterion or AIC

## **Distributions**

rnorm(n, mean=0, sd=1) Gaussian (normal)

rexp(n, rate=1) exponential

rgamma(n, shape, scale=1) gamma

rpois(n, lambda) Poisson

rt(n, df) 'Student' (t)

rchisq(n, df) Pearson

rbinom(n, size, prob) binomial

rlogis(n, location=0, scale=1) logistic

rnbinom(n, size, prob) negative binomial

runif(n, min=0, max=1) uniform

rwilcox(nn, m, n), rsignrank(nn, n) Wilcoxon's statistics All these functions can be used by replacing the letter r with d, p or q to get, respectively, the probability density ( $\mathtt{dfunc}(x, \ldots)$ ), the cumulative probability density ( $\mathtt{pfunc}(x, \ldots)$ ), and the value of quantile ( $\mathtt{qfunc}(p, \ldots)$ , with 0 ).

## **Programming**

function( arglist ) expr function definition
return(value)

Examples in this document use the variables df = data frame object, v = vector, s = string, f = filename as string

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