

Introduction to the R Language

Vectorized Operations

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Vectorized Operations

Many operations in R are *vectorized* making code more efficient, concise, and easier to read.

```
> x <- 1:4; y <- 6:9
> x + y
[1] 7 9 11 13
> x > 2
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE
> x >= 2
[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE
> y == 8
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
> x * y
[1] 6 14 24 36
> x / y
[1] 0.1666667 0.2857143 0.3750000 0.4444444
```

Vectorized Matrix Operations

```
> x <- matrix(1:4, 2, 2); y <- matrix(rep(10, 4), 2, 2)
> x * y ## element-wise multiplication
   [,1] [,2]
[1,] 10 30
[2,] 20 40
> x / y
   [,1] [,2]
[1,] 0.1 0.3
[2,1 0.2 0.4
> x %*% y ## true matrix multiplication
    [,1] [,2]
[1,] 40 40
[2,] 60 60
```