Working with Vectors and Matrices

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Constructing vectors

▶ Integers from 9 to 17

```
> x < -9:17
  > x
  [1] 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
▶ A sequence of 11 numbers from 0 to 1
  > y<-seq(0,1,length=11)
  > y
   [1] 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0
The same number or the same vector several times
  > z < -rep(1:2, 5)
  > z
   [1] 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2
Combine numbers, vectors or both into a new vector
  > xz10<-c(x,z,10)
  > xz10
   [1]
        9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 10
```

Constructing matrices

► Combine rows into a matrix

▶ Or columns

Define a matrix from one long vector

Can also be done by rows by adding ", byrow=TRUE" before the last parenthesis

Index and logical index

- Important for optimal use of R
- Example: Define a vector with integers from (-5) to 5 and extract the numbers with absolute value less than 3.

```
> x<- (-5):5
```

by their index in the vector

by negative selection (set a minus in front of the indices we don't want)

$$> x[-c(1:3,9:11)]$$

A logical vector can be defined by

```
> index<-abs(x)<3
```

[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE

Now this vector can be used to extract the wanted numbers > x ſindex ?

Index and logical index

► This also works for matrices:

► And for assignments

► Matrix rows can be selected by

▶ and similarly for columns



Properties of vectors and matrices

The mode of the vector or matrix detects the type of singles that is stored:

```
> A<-matrix(rep(c(TRUE,FALSE),2),nrow=2)</pre>
> B < -rnorm(4)
> C<-matrix(LETTERS[1:9],nrow=3)</pre>
> A;B;C
       \lceil .1 \rceil \lceil .2 \rceil
[1,] TRUE TRUE
[2,] FALSE FALSE
[1] 0.6613129 0.8583421 1.2516685 -1.2147030
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] "A" "D" "G"
[2.] "B" "E"
                 "H"
[3,] "C"
           "F"
                 "T"
> mode(A); mode(B); mode(C)
[1] "logical"
[1] "numeric"
[1] "character"
```

Properties of vectors and matrices

Vectors and matrices have *lengths*: The length is the number of elements:

The dimension of a matrix is the number of rows and columns: The number of columns is the second element.

```
> dim(x); dim(x)[2]
[1] 4 3
[1] 3
```



Naming rows and columns in a matrix

We can add names to a matrix with the dimnames() function:

```
> x<-matrix(rnorm(12).nrow=4)</pre>
> x
           [.1] [.2] [.3]
[1.] 1.5231529 -0.5784787 -0.7314045
[2,] -1,2359829 0,2717685 -0,8343691
[3.] 1.6658531 -0.3012827 0.6278903
[4,] -0.5035843 -0.4158793 0.7975808
> dimnames(x)[[2]]<-paste("data",1:3,sep="")</pre>
> dimnames(x)[[1]]<-paste("obs",1:4,sep="")</pre>
> x
         data1 data2
                            dat.a3
obs1 1.5231529 -0.5784787 -0.7314045
obs2 -1.2359829 0.2717685 -0.8343691
obs3 1.6658531 -0.3012827 0.6278903
obs4 -0.5035843 -0.4158793 0.7975808
```

Retrieval:

```
> rownames(x)
[1] "obs1" "obs2" "obs3" "obs4"
> colnames(x)
[1] "data1" "data2" "data3"
```

