

R programming for beginners

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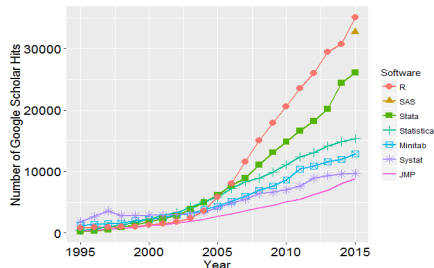
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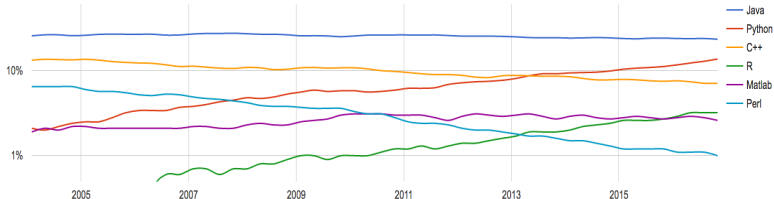


Why use R

- Interactive, analysis your data on the fly
- Free & Open source, a strong community
- 8000+ R packages for various methods, still growing



PYPL Popularity of Programming Language





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- Data types
- Import and export data
- Loading packages and functions
- Control flow and efficiency
- Writing functions
- Graphics and visualization
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- Case studies (Regression, clustering, ANOVA etc.)



History

- R is an implementation of the S programming language which is created by John Chambers while at Bell Labs, it was first created for teaching purpose, because of the high fees for S⁺PLUS licenses.
- R is names after its two authors **Ross Ihaka** and **Robert Gentleman** who created it at the University of Auckland, and also because ... it's close to S.
- The stable beta version of R is released in 2000, it's currently developed by the *R Development Core Team*, of which Chambers is a member.



R as a calculator

Lets try it in R!

```
3+3      # This starts a comment (where R recognize but ignores them)
2*8
2^10     # 2 to the power of 10
0/Inf
0/0      # the expression has no meaning
log(10)
sqrt(3)  # the square root of 3
sin(pi)  # R kinda knows pi already
```



Basic calculations

- PEMDAS (Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally) rule applies, i.e.: Parentheses, Exponents, Multiplication & Division, Addition & Subtraction.
- Just use additional parentheses to clarify evaluation order!



Basic calculations

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Operators | $+$, $-$, $*$, $/$, $^$ |
| Integer division, modulo | $\%/\%$, $\%\%$ |
| Extremes | <code>max()</code> , <code>min()</code> , <code>range()</code> |
| Square root | <code>sqrt()</code> |
| Rounding | <code>round()</code> , <code>floor()</code> , <code>ceiling()</code> |
| trigonometric functions | <code>sin()</code> , <code>cos()</code> , <code>tan()</code> , <code>asin()</code> , <code>acos()</code> , <code>atan()</code> |
| Logarithms | <code>log()</code> , <code>log10()</code> , <code>log2()</code> , <code>exp()</code> |
| Sum, product | <code>sum()</code> , <code>prod()</code> |
| π | <code>pi</code> |
| Infinity | <code>Inf</code> , <code>-Inf</code> (infinity) |
| Not defined | <code>NaN</code> (Not a number) |
| Missing values | <code>NA</code> (Not available) |
| Empty set | <code>NULL</code> |



How can I get help?

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>help.start()</code> | Start the help system in a browser |
| <code>help(something)</code> | Get help about something |
| <code>?(something)</code> | does the same as <code>help()</code> |
| <code>apropos('foo')</code> | list all functions containing string 'foo' |
| <code>example(foo)</code> | show an example of function 'foo' |

(Examples:)

| | |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>help.start()</code> | The browser is open |
| <code>?abs</code> | Help on <code>abs()</code> |
| <code>apropos("help")</code> | Is something similar to <code>help()</code> ? |
| <code>example(min)</code> | shows an example of function <code>min</code> , which returns the minimum of all the values present in their arguments |



Assignment

| | | |
|----------|----|-------|
| X | <- | 10 |
| Variable | | Value |

Lets try to calculate something out of x:

```
x*3
## [1] 30

100-x
## [1] 90

y = x+10
```

Conclusions:

- Insert blanks in order to improve readability.
- Variable names should not start with a number!



Vectorize your thinking: doing things the "R" way

Task: Adding two columns in a spreadsheet.

| | A | B | C | D | E | F |
|----|------|------|--------|---|---|---|
| 1 | 32.5 | 48.1 | =A1+B1 | | | |
| 2 | -3.8 | 19.4 | | | | |
| 3 | 15.9 | 46.8 | | | | |
| 4 | 22.5 | 14.7 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | |

It is much easier to do the same thing in R, we just need to add them up like they are two numbers.



Vectorize your thinking: doing things the "R" way

One of the most useful features in R is vectors, a vector is a sequence of data of the same type.

```
a=c(1,2,3,4,5,6)
```

```
a*3
```

```
## [1] 3 6 9 12 15 18
```

```
100-a
```

```
## [1] 99 98 97 96 95 94
```

```
b=a+10
```

```
b
```

```
## [1] 11 12 13 14 15 16
```



Logical operations

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Comparisons | ==, !=, >, <, >=, <= |
| Constants | TRUE, FALSE |
| test if X is TRUE | isTRUE(X) |
| Operations | ! (negation) xor (exclusive or) &, &&, , (and, or) |

Examples:

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| 4<3 | | FALSE |
| (3 + 1) != 3 | | TRUE |
| (3 >= 2) & (4 == (3 + 1)) | | TRUE |
| -3<-2 | wrong - assignment! | Error |
| -3 < -2 | | TRUE |
| F = 80 | never assign values to T or F in R | |



Logical operations

The operators `&&` and `||` are NOT working vector wise, they return always a single logical value (make sometimes sense, but also dangerous). For efficiency reasons, the logical expression is only evaluated up to the point where the result is already known.

The operators `&` and `|` are working vector wise.

Examples:

`FALSE && TRUE`

right hand side will NOT be evaluated

`TRUE && TRUE`

right hand side will be evaluated

`TRUE || (x <- 3)`

`FALSE || TRUE`

right hand side will be evaluated

`FALSE || (x <- 3)`

`c(TRUE, TRUE) & c(FALSE, TRUE)`

vector wise

`c(TRUE, TRUE) && c(FALSE, TRUE)`

NOT vector wise



Logical operations

Given a set of logical vectors, is at least one of the elements TRUE?

`any(A)`: Is any element in vector A TRUE?

`all(A)`: Are all elements in vector A TRUE?

Examples:

```
a1 <- c(FALSE, FALSE); a2 <- c(FALSE, TRUE); a3 <- c(TRUE, TRUE);  
any(a1); any(a2)
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
all(a1); all(a2)
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
!(a1); !(a2)
```

```
## [1] TRUE TRUE
```

```
## [1] TRUE FALSE
```

Exercises:

- Compare the value of 3 to the power of 5 and 2 to the power of 8
- create a vector with numbers from 1 to 10 and assign it as 'A'
- create a vector 'B' with number from 1001 to 1010
- create a vector 'C' with values from 0 to 50 but only count in intervals of 5
- Add vector A, and C together to create a vector D

