



R Programming

Lab 2

Data Type


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Data Types

[Objects]

- R has five basic or “atomic” classes of objects:

- Character
- numeric (real numbers)
- Integer
- Complex
- logical (True/False)

```
> x <- c(0.5, 0.6) ## numeric  
> x <- c(TRUE, FALSE) ## logical  
> x <- c(T, F) ## logical  
> x <- c("a", "b", "c") ## character  
> x <- 9:29 ## integer  
> x <- c(1+0i, 2+4i) ## complex
```

- The most basic object is a vector
 - A vector can only contain objects of the same class
 - BUT: The one exception is a list, which is represented as a vector but can contain objects of different classes (indeed, that's usually why we use them)

[Numbers]

- Numbers in R are generally treated as numeric objects (i.e. double precision real numbers)
- If you explicitly want an integer, you need to specify the L suffix
- Ex: Entering 1 gives you a numeric object; entering 1L explicitly gives you an integer.
- There is also a special number Inf which represents infinity; e.g. $1/0$; Inf can be used in ordinary calculations; e.g. $1/\text{Inf}$ is 0
- The value NaN represents an undefined value (“not a number”) e.g. $0/0$; NaN can also be thought of as a missing value (more on that later)

Attributes

- R objects can have attributes
 - names, dimnames
 - dimensions (e.g. matrices, arrays)
 - Class
 - Length
 - other user-defined attributes/metadata

Attributes of an object can be accessed using the `attributes()` function

```
x <- cbind(a = 1:3, pi = pi)
# simple matrix with dimnames attributes(x)
## strip an object's attributes:
attributes(x) <- NULL x
# now just a vector of length 6
mostattributes(x) <- list(mycomment = "really special", dim = 3:2,
  dimnames = list(LETTERS[1:3], letters[1:5]), names = paste(1:6))
x # dim(), but not {dim}names
```

Vectors

- A vector is a variable containing multiple values

Creating vector

- Method 1 for creating a vector: c function

```
Wingcrd <- c(59, 55, 53.5, 55)
```

- Method 2 for creating a vector:

```
ld <- 1 : 8
```

- Method 3 for creating a vector

```
ld <- rep(c(1, 2, 3, 4), each = 8)
```

```
ld <- rep(1 : 4, each = 8)
```

```
a <- seq(from = 1, to = 4, by = 1)
```

```
ld <- rep(a, each = 8)
```

- Method 4 for creating a vector

define a vector by length **vector ()**

```
> x <- vector("numeric", length = 10)
> x
[1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

```
> x <- c(0.5, 0.6) ## numeric
> x <- c(TRUE, FALSE) ## logical
> x <- c(T, F) ## logical
> x <- c("a", "b", "c") ## character
> x <- 9:29 ## integer
> x <- c(1+0i, 2+4i) ## complex
```

→ Limitation: Vector has only one dimension

c = concatenate

[Vectors (con't)]

■ Operating Vectors

- How to access elements of a vector
 - `A <- Wingcrd[1]` # the first value
 - `B <- Wingcrd[1 : 5]` # the first five values
 - `C <- Wingcrd[-2]` # all except the second value
 - `D <- Wingcrd[c(1, 3, 5)]` # the first, third, and fifth values
 - **Do not go outside the range of allowable values**
 - E.g. `Wingcrd[9]` is not defined!
- Functions for a vector
 - E.g. `sum(Wingcrd)`, `mean(Wingcrd)`, `max(Wingcrd)` etc.
- Combining vectors into a longer one
 - E.g. `c(Wingcrd, Tarsus, Head, Wt)`
- To know the length of a vector
 - E.g. **length** (`Wingcrd`)

[Explicit Coercion]

- Mixing objects

```
> y <- c(1.7, "a") ## character  
> y <- c(TRUE, 2) ## numeric  
> y <- c("a", TRUE) ## character
```

- When different objects are mixed in a vector, coercion occurs so that every element in the vector is of the same class

Explicit Coercion

Objects can be explicitly coerced from one class to another using the `as.*` functions,

```
> x <- 0:6  
> class(x)  
[1] "integer"  
> as.numeric(x)  
[1] 0 1 2 3 4 5 6  
> as.logical(x)  
[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE  
> as.character(x)  
[1] "0" "1" "2" "3" "4" "5" "6"
```

[Matrices]

- Matrices are **vectors** with a **dimension attribute**. The dimension attribute is itself an integer vector of length 2 (**nrow**, **ncol**)

```
> m <- matrix(nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
> m
[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] NA NA NA
[2,] NA NA NA

> dim(m)
[1] 2 3

> attributes(m)
$dim
[1] 2 3
```

constructed **column-wise**
starting in the “**upper left**” corner
and **running down** the columns

```
> m <- matrix(1:6, nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
> m
[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 3 5
[2,] 2 4 6
```

Matrices (cont.)

- Matrices can also be created directly from vectors by adding a dimension attribute

```
> m <- 1:10
> m
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
> dim(m) <- c(2, 5)
> m
[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
[1,] 1 3 5 7 9
[2,] 2 4 6 8 10
```

cbind-ing and rbind-ing

Matrices can be created by column-binding or row-binding with **cbind()** and **rbind()**.

```
> x <- 1:3
> y <- 10:12
> cbind(x, y)
x y
[1,] 1 10
[2,] 2 11
[3,] 3 12
> rbind(x, y)
[,1] [,2] [,3]
x 1 2 3
y 10 11 12
```

[Accessing Matrices]

■ How to access part of a matrix?

```
A <- M[1, 1]                # 1st row, 1st column
B <- M[2, ]                  (M[2, 1 : 4])    # 2nd row
C <- M[, 1] (M[1 : 8, 1])    # 1st column
D <- M[, 2 : 3]              # 2nd and 3rd columns
E <- M[, c(1, 3, 4)]         # 1st, 3rd, 4th columns
F <- M[, -3]                 # all except the 3rd column
Msub <- M[1:3, 3:3]          # Create Submatrix
```

*Do not miss the comma!

*Do not go outside the range of allowable values!

Function and Operation for Matrices

■ E.g.

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Row names and column names

```
>rownames(D)
```

```
>colnames(D) <- c("Wingcrd",  
"Tarsus", "Head", "Wt")
```

Check whether an object is a matrix

```
>is.matrix(D)
```

Matrix transpose: `t(D)`

Matrix inverse: `solve(D)`

Matrix multiplication: `D %*% solve(D)`

Limitation!!
A matrix can only hold
one type of data

Operator or Function	Description
<code>A * B</code>	Element-wise multiplication
<code>A %*% B</code>	Matrix multiplication
<code>A %o% B</code>	Outer product. AB'
<code>crossprod(A,B)</code> <code>crossprod(A)</code>	$A'B$ and $A'A$ respectively.
<code>t(A)</code>	Transpose
<code>diag(x)</code>	Creates diagonal matrix with elements of x in the principal diagonal
<code>diag(A)</code>	Returns a vector containing the elements of the principal diagonal
<code>diag(k)</code>	If k is a scalar, this creates a k x k identity matrix. Go figure.
<code>solve(A, b)</code>	Returns vector x in the equation $b = Ax$ (i.e., $A^{-1}b$)
<code>solve(A)</code>	Inverse of A where A is a square matrix.
<code>ginv(A)</code>	Moore-Penrose Generalized Inverse of A. <code>ginv(A)</code> requires loading the MASS package.
<code>y<-eigen(A)</code>	$y\$val$ are the eigenvalues of A $y\$vec$ are the eigenvectors of A
<code>y<-svd(A)</code>	Single value decomposition of A. $y\$d$ = vector containing the singular values of A $y\$u$ = matrix with columns contain the left singular vectors of A $y\$v$ = matrix with columns contain the right singular vectors of A

Factors

- Represent categorical data
 - Treated specially by modelling functions : **lm()** and **glm()**
 - Using factors with labels is better than using integers because factors are self-describing; having a variable that has values “Male” and “Female” is better than a variable that has values 1 and 2.

```
> x <- factor(c("yes", "yes", "no", "yes", "no"))
> x
[1] yes yes no yes no
Levels: no yes
> table(x)
x
no yes
2 3
> unclass(x)
[1] 2 2 1 2 1
attr(,"levels")
[1] "no" "yes"
```

levels argument to **factor()**
*linear modelling

```
> x <- factor(c("yes", "yes", "no", "yes", "no"),
levels = c("yes", "no"))
> x
[1] yes yes no yes no
Levels: yes no
```

Missing values

- Missing values are denoted by NA or NaN for undefined mathematical operations
 - `is.na()` is used to test objects if they are NA
 - `is.nan()` is used to test for NaN
 - NA values have a class also, so there are integer NA, character NA, etc.
 - A NaN value is also NA but the converse is not true

```
> x <- c(1, 2, NA, 10, 3)
> is.na(x)
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
> is.nan(x)
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
> x <- c(1, 2, NaN, NA, 4)
> is.na(x)
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE
> is.nan(x)
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

[Data Frames]

■ Used to store tabular data

```
> x <- data.frame(foo = 1:4, bar = c(T, T, F, F))
> x
  foo bar
1 1 TRUE
2 2 TRUE
3 3 FALSE
4 4 FALSE
> nrow(x)
[1] 4
> ncol(x)
[1] 2
```

- They are represented as a **special type of list** where every element of the **list** has to have the **same length**
- Each element of the list can be thought of as a column and the length of each element of the list is the number of rows
- Unlike matrices, data frames can store **different classes of objects** in each column (just like lists); matrices must have every element be the same class
- Data frames also have a special attribute called **row.names**
- Data frames are usually created by calling **read.table()** or **read.csv()**
- Can be converted to a matrix by calling **data.matrix()**

[Data Frames]

■ Method for creating a data frame

```
Dfrm <- data.frame(WC = Wingcrd,  
                  TS = Tarsus,  
                  HD = Head,  
                  W = Wt )
```

■ Common usage of data frames

- Enter the data into R
- make changes to the data
- store the modified data in a data frame

```
E.g. Dfrm <- data.frame(WC = Wingcrd,  
                        TS = Tarsus,  
                        HD = Head,  
                        W = Wt,  
                        Wsq = sqrt(Wt))
```

Limitation!!
A data frame can
only combine data of
the same size

[Accessing data frames]

- How to access part of a data frame?
 - Method 1: E.g. Dfrm\$W
 - Note that Dfrm\$W and Wt are two different objects
 - `rm(Wt)` # remove the variable Wt
 - Check values of Wt and Dfrm\$W
 - Method 2: the way accessing a matrix also works!
 - `A <- Z[1, 1]` # 1st row, 1st column
 - `B <- Z[2,]` (`Z[2, 1 : 4]`) # 2nd row
 - `C <- Z[, 1]` (`Z[1 : 8, 1]`) # 1st column

List

- Lists are a special type of vector that can contain elements of different classes. Lists are a very important data type in R and you should get to know them well.
- Lists allow combining data of different dimensions

```
X1 <- 1 : 3  
X2 <- c("a", "b")  
X3 <- matrix(nrow = 2, ncol = 2)  
Y <- list(X1= X1, X2=X2, X3=X3)
```

- But data frames cannot
E.g. `data.frame(X1= X1, X2=X2, X3=X3)`
causes an error

```
> x <- list(1, "a", TRUE, 1 + 4i)  
> x  
[[1]]  
[1] 1  
  
[[2]]  
[1] "a"  
  
[[3]]  
[1] TRUE  
  
[[4]]  
[1] 1+4i
```

[Accessing Lists]

- How to access part of a list
 - E.g. `Y$X1`
 - Similar as accessing a data frame (E.g. `Dfrm$W`)
- Many functions in R produce output as a list
 - E.g. `M <- lm(WC ~ Wt, data = Dfrm)`
 - `names(M)`
 - `M$coefficients`

[Reading Data]

- Functions reading data into R
 - `read.table`, `read.csv`, for reading **tabular data**
 - `readLines`, for reading lines of a **text file**
 - `source`, for reading in R code files (**inverse of dump**)
 - `dget`, for reading in R code files (**inverse of dput**)
 - `load`, for reading in saved **workspaces**
 - `unserialize`, for reading single R **objects in binary form**

```
data <- read.table("foo.txt")  
# In this case, R will automatically  
## • skip lines that begin with a #  
## • figure out how many rows there are (and how much memory needs to be allocated)  
## • figure what type of variable is in each column of the table.
```

[Writing Data]

- **write.table**, for writing tabular data to text files (i.e. CSV) or connections
- **writeLines**, for writing character data line-by-line to a file or connection
- **dump**, for dumping a textual representation of multiple R objects
- **dput**, for outputting a textual representation of an R object
- **save**, for saving an arbitrary number of R objects in binary format (possibly compressed) to a file.
- **serialize**, for converting an R object into a binary format for outputting to a connection (or file).



Demo & Requirements

[Part1(Vector)]

- Write your R to Calculate the following:

a)
$$\sum_{i=10}^{100} (i^3 + 4i^2).$$

b)
$$\sum_{i=1}^{25} \left(\frac{2^i}{i} + \frac{3^i}{i^2} \right)$$

[Part2 (Matrices)]

- Suppose $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 & 6 \\ -2 & -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$
 - Check that $\mathbf{A}^3 = \mathbf{0}$ where $\mathbf{0}$ is a 3×3 matrix with every entry equal to 0
- Create the following matrix \mathbf{B} with 15 rows:

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -10 & 10 \\ 10 & -10 & 10 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 10 & -10 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Calculate the 3×3 matrix $\mathbf{B}^T \mathbf{B}$. (Look at the help for crossprod.)

[Part3(Data Frame)]

- Go to e-course, download lab02.rar. It contains 2 files(traffic-data.csv and lab2_yourstudentID.R)

sectionID	sectionName	speed	occupancy	volume
1	zhong	32	12	58
2	zhong	34	9	359
3	zhong	NA	NA	NA
4	zhong	62	31	202
5	ximen	70	24	401
6	ximen	48	25	143
7	shan	47	NA	211
8	shan	31	25	NA
9	shan	42	42	344
10	ximen	25	66	32


[Part3 (con't)]

- a) Use the *c function* to create variable “*speed*”, “*occupancy*” and “*volume*” that contain values
- b) Use the *cbind()* function to create a variable “*dtbind*” that combines *speed*, *occupancy* and *volume*. Then check whether “*dtbind*” is a matrix
- c) create data frame from the variable that you have created above, store to a new variable, called “*dtfrm*”
- d) read dataset (*traffic-data.csv*) use *read.table()* called “*dtfrm1*”
- e) read dataset (*traffic-data.csv*) use *read.csv()* called “*dtfrm2*”
- f) Use the *names*, *str*, *dim*, *head* functions to check the correctness of the *traffic-data.csv*
- g) why dimension *dtfrm1* and *dtfrm2* different?
- h) Compute the following: how many observations were made?
- i) What are the *minimum*, *mean*, and *maximum* speed, occupancy and volume without removing missing value
- j) Create new dataset called 'trafficData' with removing NA
- k) compute mean 'speed', mean 'volume' again (in dataset trafficData)



[Result of Demo

- Show the following to TAs:
 - save your code to a file named *lab2_studentID.R*
 - *Follow lab2_yourstudentID.R*

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Part1 10%

Part2 10%

Part 3 80%



Turn In

[Turn In]

- The E-course System
 - <http://ecourse.elearning.ccu.edu.tw/>
- Upload **Lab2_StudentID.zip** into “Lab 2”

[Turn In (cont'd)]

- Office hour: (Lab 501B)
- TA's email: hendrik.gian@gmail.com