Lecture 2
Vectors

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R data types

1) Vector: an ordered set of elements that all share the same "mode" (data type).

For instance characters, integers, or floating point numbers.

```
x <- c(5,12,13)

length(x)

mode(x)   #data type
```

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2) Matrix: A matrix is, technically, a vector that has two additional attributes: number or rows and number of columns.

```
mymatrix <- matrix(data=c(1,3,5,8),nrow=2,ncol=2)
#      [,1] [,2]
# [1,]    1    5
# [2,]    3    8
mymatrix2 <- rbind(c(1,5),c(3,8))
```

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3) List: A list is a *vector* in which each element can be any type of data structure, so is the most flexible type of data structure.

We'll define a list as containing a single element numeric vector, a 3-element character vector, and a matrix:

```
mylist <- list(u=2,v=c("abc","def"),w=matrix(data=c(1,2,3,4),
nrow=2,ncol=2))
```

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4) Data frame: A data frame is a list, but with some restrictions, namely, each element of the list must be 1) a vector and 2) the same length of the other elements.

The vectors, however, can be different modes (unlike a matrix). In other words, a data frame is the R equivalent of a spreadsheet.

```
d <- data.frame(kids=c("Jack","Jill"),ages=c(12,10))
     kids     ages
1    Jack      12
2    Jill       10
```

Functions

- Functions: name(parameters)

```
test <- function(x)
{
print(x)
}

test(x=3)
```

Control Statement (Loops)

```
x <- 1:10

for (i in 1:length(x))

{

   # Print the current element of x

   print(x[i])

}
```

Control Statement (ifelse)

```
x <- 1:10
y <- ifelse(x %% 2 == 0,yes="even",no="odd")
```

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1) add/delete vector elements

```
x <- c(88,5,12,13)

# Let's insert a 168 after the 12 and before the 13 into the vector:

x <- c(x[1:3],168,x[4])
```

2) Declare a variable

```
z <- vector(length=2)

z[1] <- 5
```

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3) Recycling

If you perform an operation on two vectors that require them to be the same length (e.g. adding two vectors together), the shorter one is "recycled":

```
c(1,2,4)+c(6,0,9,20,22)
```

is the same as (note the recycling of the first vector):

```
c(1,2,4,1,2)+c(6,0,9,20,22)
```

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4) Common vector operations

Vector addition, multiplication, and division can be performed element-wise:

```
x <- c(1,2,4)

x + c(5,0,-1)

x*c(5,0,-1)

x/c(5,4,-1)
```

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5) Vector indexing

We can extract subvectors of a source vector (vector1) by using an "index vector" (vector2) using this format: vector1[vector2]

```
y <- c(1.2,3.9,0.4,0.12)

y[c(1,3)] # Returns element 1 and 3 of y.

# We can also use logical vectors

# such that the elements are returned if the element is true:

logical_vector <- c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE,FALSE)

y[logical_vector]
```

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5) Vector indexing

```
# Negative subscripts are used to *exclude* elements:

z <- c(5,12,13)

z[-1] # exclude element 1

subset(z, z > 5)
```

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6) Generating vector sequences with ":"

":" is an important operator, because it produces a vector of numbers in a regular sequence.

5:8 # produces a vector ranging from 5 to 8, incremented by 1.

5:1 # prodcues a vector ranging from 5 to 1, decremented by 1.

7) Generating vector sequences with seq()

seq(from=1,to=5,by=1)

is the same as

1:5

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8) which()

If we want the positions of the elements that satisfy the logical argument, we use which()

```
z <- c(5,2,-3,8)

which(z*z > 8) # This is the numerical index of z that satisfy the logical statement.
```

9) rep()

```
x <- rep(x=8,times=4) # Repeats "8" 4 times

# We can repeat larger vectors as well:

rep(c(5,12,13),3)
```

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10) any() and all()

any() returns TRUE if, for a logical argument, ANY of the vectors returns TRUE:

x <- 1:10

any(x > 8) # TRUE, because vector elements 9 and 10 are greater than 8.

all(x > 8) # FALSE, because not all of the vector elements are greater than 8.

11) NA and NULL values

NA and NULL have subtle, but important differences in their meaning.

NA means "missing data"

NULL means "value doesn't exist"

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12) c() to merge data

When merging multiple modes, the "lowest common denominator" mode will be used.

Part of the order (from lowest to highest) is as follows:

list, character, numeric:

```
x <- c(5,2,"abc")
```