

F19 STA 100 A01 Discussion 01

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Discussion Time: Tuesday 8:00 – 8:50 am, Haring Hall 1204.

Notes: <https://github.com/Hahahuo-13316/sta100-a01-fall19>

Office Hour: Tuesday 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Earth and Physical Science Building 1317.

Getting Started

Install R

The latest version 3.6.1 of R can be found on its website <https://www.r-project.org/>. Click on **CRAN** on the left, and choose an appropriate mirror to download the install package. Follow the instruction and complete the installation.

Choose an IDE

There are several IDE (integrated development environment) for R, one of the popular IDE is RStudio. In this discussion I will always use RStudio to present and run the codes.

To install RStudio, go to their website <https://rstudio.com/> and download the latest version. After installing that, you could go to preferences – appearance to adjust the font, font size, theme, etc. of IDE.

In this discussion I will also use **R Markdown**, which is a tool in RStudio that could create HTML or PDF documents in which you can put codes, outputs and LaTeX formulas.

When you need some help

You could use the documentation, which could be downloaded on <https://cran.r-project.org/manuals.html>. Or, just Google it to look for the command you need, then type **?+command** in the console (of your IDE) to know more about a specific command.

```
?sum  
?lm
```

R Introduction

Basics

$x^2 + y^2$ You could use **#** to make comments on your R code:

```
# put # on a line to create a comment
```

Assign values to variables. Notice that ‘<-’ and ‘=’ have the same meaning, but ‘<-’ is recommended in R. Notice that for commands in console, ‘print’ could be omitted.

```
x <- 2  
x
```

```

## [1] 2
y = 4
y

## [1] 4
print(y)

## [1] 4
Let's go through some basic operations:
x + y      #addition

## [1] 6
x - y      #subtraction

## [1] -2
-x         #negation

## [1] -2
x * y      #multiplication

## [1] 8
x / y      #division

## [1] 0.5
x^y        #powers

## [1] 16
log(x)     #natural log

## [1] 0.6931472
exp(x)     #exponentiation

## [1] 7.389056
sqrt(x)    #square root

## [1] 1.414214
x == 4     #equality

## [1] FALSE
x >= 4     #greater than or equal

## [1] FALSE
x > 4      #greater than

## [1] FALSE
x != 4     #not equals

## [1] TRUE
!TRUE      #logical negation

```

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

Vectors

Use `c(...)` to create a vector:

```
v <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
u <- c(7, 10, 15, 30, 40, 45)
u
```

```
## [1] 7 10 15 30 40 45
```

```
v
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

Basic operations for vectors are **element-wise**:

```
u + v
```

```
## [1] 8 12 18 34 45 51
```

```
u - v
```

```
## [1] 6 8 12 26 35 39
```

```
-u
```

```
## [1] -7 -10 -15 -30 -40 -45
```

```
u * v
```

```
## [1] 7 20 45 120 200 270
```

```
u / v
```

```
## [1] 7.0 5.0 5.0 7.5 8.0 7.5
```

```
u^v
```

```
## [1] 7 100 3375 810000 102400000 8303765625
```

```
log(v)
```

```
## [1] 0.0000000 0.6931472 1.0986123 1.3862944 1.6094379 1.7917595
```

```
exp(v)
```

```
## [1] 2.718282 7.389056 20.085537 54.598150 148.413159 403.428793
```

And also there are operations between vector and scalar:

```
v - 1
```

```
## [1] 0 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
1 / v
```

```
## [1] 1.0000000 0.5000000 0.3333333 0.2500000 0.2000000 0.1666667
```

```
v^2
```

```
## [1] 1 4 9 16 25 36
```

```
2^v
```

```
## [1] 2 4 8 16 32 64
```

Access specific element in a vector using index, or get slices. Notice that **the index begin with 1**.

```
u[1]

## [1] 7
u[1:3]

## [1] 7 10 15
```

Statistical discription of vectors

```
x <- c(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2)
sum(x)           #sum

## [1] 9
length(x)        #number of entries

## [1] 6
mean(x)          #mean

## [1] 1.5
sum(x) / length(x) == mean(x)

## [1] TRUE
```

Random number and random sample

```
runif(10, min = 0, max = 100)

## [1] 77.28468 36.25120 20.27240 75.63445 91.69110 58.23028 30.58875
## [8] 63.18228 29.16440 41.91961
sample(1:1000, size = 12)

## [1] 755 802 291 663 34 436 461 955 427 448 344 712
```

Flow control

There are for and while loops in R:

```
for(i in 1:10) {
  print(i)
}

## [1] 1
## [1] 2
## [1] 3
## [1] 4
## [1] 5
## [1] 6
## [1] 7
## [1] 8
## [1] 9
```

```
## [1] 10
i <- 1
while(i <= 10) {
  print(i)
  i <- i + 1
}
```

```
## [1] 1
## [1] 2
## [1] 3
## [1] 4
## [1] 5
## [1] 6
## [1] 7
## [1] 8
## [1] 9
## [1] 10
```

Important notice: in R, do not use loop if there exists corresponding vectorised methods. For example, it is much slower to run the following code

```
system.time({
  s <- 0
  for(i in 1:123456789) {
    s <- s + i
  }
  s
})
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##  2.596    0.005    2.611
```

than simply use ‘sum’.

```
system.time({sum(1:123456789)})
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##        0        0        0
```