

Numeric Vectors

STAT 133

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Data Types and Structures

To make the best of the R language, you'll need a strong understanding of the basic **data types** and **data structures** and how to operate on them.

Vectors

Vectors Reminder

- ▶ A vector is the most basic data structure in R
- ▶ Vectors are contiguous cells containing data
- ▶ Can be of any length (including zero)
- ▶ R has five basic type of vectors:
integer, double, complex, logical, character
- ▶ vectors are **atomic** structures
- ▶ the values in a vector must be ALL of the same type

Vectors

The most simple type of vectors are scalars or single values:

```
# integer
x <- 1L
# double (real)
y <- 5
# complex
z <- 3 + 5i
# logical
a <- TRUE
# character
b <- "yosemite"
```

Vectors

The function to create a vector from individual values is `c()`, short for **concatenate**:

```
# some vectors  
x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)  
  
y <- c("one", "two", "three")  
  
z <- c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE)
```

Atomic Vectors

If you mix different data values, R will coerce them so they are all of the same type

```
# mixing numbers and characters
```

```
x <- c(1, 2, 3, "four", "five")
```

```
# mixing numbers and logical values
```

```
y <- c(TRUE, FALSE, 3, 4)
```

```
# mixing numbers and logical values
```

```
z <- c(TRUE, FALSE, "TRUE", "FALSE")
```

```
# mixing integer, real, and complex numbers
```

```
w <- c(1L, -0.5, 3 + 5i)
```

Vectors of a given class

Sometimes is useful to initialize vectors of a particular class by simply specifying the number of elements:

```
# five element vectors  
int <- integer(5)  
num <- numeric(5)  
comp <- complex(5)  
logi <- logical(5)  
char <- character(5)
```


Vector class functions

- ▶ `integer()`, `is.integer()`, `as.integer()`
- ▶ `numeric()`, `is.numeric()`, `as.numeric()`
- ▶ `complex()`, `is.complex()`, `as.complex()`
- ▶ `logical()`, `is.logical()`, `as.logical()`
- ▶ `character()`, `is.character()`, `as.character()`

Numeric Vectors

Vectors of sequence of **integers** can be created with the colon operator ":"

```
# positive: from 1 to 5
```

```
1:5
```

```
# negative: from -7 to -2
```

```
-7:-2
```

```
# decreasing: from 3 to -3
```

```
3:-3
```

Numeric Vectors

More vectors of numeric sequences (not only integers) can be created with the function `seq()`

```
# sequences  
seq(1)  
seq(from = 1, to = 5)  
seq(from = -3, to = 9)  
seq(from = -3, to = 9, by = 2)  
seq(from = -3, to = 3, by = 0.5)  
seq(from = 1, to = 20, length.out = 5)
```

Sequence generation

Two sequencing variants of `seq()` are `seq_along()` and `seq_len()`

- ▶ `seq_along()` returns a sequence of integers of the same length as its argument
- ▶ `seq_len()` generates a sequence from 1 to the value provided

Sequence generation

```
# some flavors
flavors <- c("chocolate", "vanilla", "lemon")

# sequence of integers from flavors
seq_along(flavors)

## [1] 1 2 3

# sequence from 1 to 5
seq_len(5)

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

Replicate elements

Another way to create vectors is with the replicating function `rep()`

```
rep(1, times = 5)
rep(c(2, 4, 6), times = 2)
rep(1:3, times = c(3, 2, 1))
rep(c(2, 4, 6), each = 2)
rep(c(2, 4, 6), length.out = 5)
rep(c(2, 4, 6), each = 2, times = 2)
```

Random Vectors

R provides a series of random number generation functions that can also be used to create numeric vectors

generator	distribution
<code>runif()</code>	uniform
<code>rnorm()</code>	normal
<code>rbinom()</code>	binomial
<code>rbeta()</code>	beta
<code>rgamma()</code>	gamma
<code>rgeom()</code>	geometric

Check `help(?Distributions)` to see the list of all the available distributions

Random Vectors

```
runif(n = 5, min = 0, max = 1)
```

```
rnorm(n = 5, mean = 0, sd = 1)
```

```
rbinom(n = 5, size = 1, prob = 0.5)
```

```
rbeta(n = 5, shape1 = 0.5, shape2 = 0.5)
```


Sampled Vectors

There's also the function `sample()` that generates random samples (with and without replacement)

```
# shuffle  
sample(1:10, size = 10)  
  
# sample with replacement  
values <- c(2, 3, 6, 7, 9)  
sample(values, size = 20, replace = TRUE)
```

Vector Functions

Basic Vector Functions

- ▶ `length()`
- ▶ `sort()`
- ▶ `rev()`
- ▶ `order()`
- ▶ `unique()`
- ▶ `duplicated()`

Basic Vector Functions

```
# numeric vector  
num <- c(9, 4, 5, 1, 4, 1, 4, 7)
```

```
# how many elements?  
length(num)
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
# sorting elements  
sort(num)
```

```
## [1] 1 1 4 4 4 5 7 9
```

```
sort(num, decreasing = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] 9 7 5 4 4 4 1 1
```

Basic Vector Functions

```
# reversed elements
```

```
rev(num)
```

```
## [1] 7 4 1 4 1 5 4 9
```

```
# position of sorted elements
```

```
order(num)
```

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

```
order(num, decreasing = TRUE)
```

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

Basic Vector Functions

```
# unique elements
```

```
unique(num)
```

```
## [1] 9 4 5 1 7
```

```
# duplicated elements
```

```
duplicated(num)
```

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

```
num[duplicated(num)]
```

```
## [1] 4 1 4
```

Math Operations

Arithmetic Operators

operation	usage
unary +	+ x
unary -	- x
sum	x + y
subtraction	x - y
multiplication	x * y
division	x / y
power	x ^ y
modul0 (remainder)	x %% y
integer division	x %/% y

Arithmetic Operators

+2

-2

2 + 3

2 - 3

2 * 3

2 / 3

2 ^ 3

2 %% 3

2 %/% 3

Math Functions

- ▶ `abs()`, `sign()`, `sqrt()`
- ▶ `ceiling()`, `floor()`, `trunc()`, `round()`, `signif()`
- ▶ `cummax()`, `cummin()`, `cumprod()`, `cumsum()`
- ▶ `log()`, `log10()`, `log2()`, `log1p()`
- ▶ `sin()`, `cos()`, `tan()`
- ▶ `acos()`, `acosh()`, `asin()`, `asinh()`, `atan()`,
`atanh()`
- ▶ `exp()`, `expm1()`
- ▶ `gamma()`, `lgamma()`, `digamma()`, `trigamma()`

Math Functions

```
abs(c(-1, -0.5, 3, 0.5))
```

```
## [1] 1.0 0.5 3.0 0.5
```

```
sign(c(-1, -0.5, 3, 0.5))
```

```
## [1] -1 -1 1 1
```

```
round(3.14159, 1)
```

```
## [1] 3.1
```

```
log10(10)
```

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

Vectorization

Vectorized Operations

A vectorized computation is any computation that when applied to a vector operates on all of its elements

```
c(1, 2, 3) + c(3, 2, 1)
```

```
## [1] 4 4 4
```

```
c(1, 2, 3) * c(3, 2, 1)
```

```
## [1] 3 4 3
```

```
c(1, 2, 3) ^ c(3, 2, 1)
```

```
## [1] 1 4 3
```

Vectorization

All arithmetic, trigonometric, math and other vector functions are vectorized:

```
log(c(1, 2, 3))
```

```
## [1] 0.0000000 0.6931472 1.0986123
```

```
cos(seq(1, 3))
```

```
## [1] 0.5403023 -0.4161468 -0.9899925
```

```
sqrt(1:3)
```

```
## [1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051
```

Recycling

When vectorized computations are applied, some problems may occur when dealing with two vectors of different length

```
c(2, 1) + c(1, 2, 3)
```

```
## Warning in c(2, 1) + c(1, 2, 3): longer object length  
is not a multiple of shorter object length
```

```
## [1] 3 3 5
```

Recycling Rule

The recycling rule states that the shorter vector is replicated enough times so that the result has the length of the longer vector

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4) + c(2, 1)
```

```
## [1] 3 3 5 5
```

```
1:10 * 1:5
```

```
## [1] 1 4 9 16 25 6 14 24 36 50
```


Recycling Rule

The Recycling Rule can be very useful, like when operating between a vector and a “scalar”

```
x <- c(2, 4, 6, 8)
x + 3 # add 3 to all elements in x

## [1] 5 7 9 11

x / 3 # divide all elements by 3

## [1] 0.6666667 1.3333333 2.0000000 2.6666667

x ^ 3 # all elements to the power of 3

## [1] 8 64 216 512
```

Comparison Operators

operation	usage
less than	<code>x < y</code>
greater than	<code>x > y</code>
less than or equal	<code>x <= y</code>
greater than or equal	<code>x >= y</code>
equality	<code>x == y</code>
different	<code>x != y</code>

Comparison operators produce logical values

Comparison Operators

```
5 > 1  
5 < 7  
5 > 10  
5 >= 5  
5 <= 5  
5 == 5  
5 != 3  
5 != 5
```

```
TRUE > FALSE  
TRUE < FALSE  
TRUE == TRUE  
TRUE != FALSE  
TRUE != TRUE
```

Comparison Operators

Comparison Operators are also vectorized

```
values <- -3:3
```

```
values > 0
```

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

```
values < 0
```

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

```
values == 0
```

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

Comparison operators and recycling rule

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 2
```

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

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) >= 2
```

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

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) < 2
```

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

Comparison operators and recycling rule

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) <= 2
```

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

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

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

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) != 2
```

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

Comparison operators

When comparing vectors of different types, one is coerced to the type of the other, the (decreasing) order of precedence being character, complex, numeric, integer, logical

```
'5' == 5
```

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

```
5L == 5
```

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

```
5 + 0i == 5
```

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

Comparison Operators

In addition to comparison operators, we have the functions `all()` and `any()`

```
all(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 0)
```

```
all(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 1)
```

```
any(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) < 0)
```

```
any(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 4)
```


Summary Functions

- ▶ `max()` maximum
- ▶ `min()` minimum
- ▶ `range()` range
- ▶ `mean()` mean
- ▶ `var()` variance
- ▶ `sd()` standard deviation
- ▶ `prod()` product of all elements
- ▶ `sum()` sum of all elements

Summary Functions

```
x <- 1:7  
max(x)  
min(x)  
range(x)  
mean(x)  
var(x)  
sd(x)  
prod(x)  
sum(x)
```

Logical Operators

operation	usage
NOT	<code>!x</code>
AND (elementwise)	<code>x & y</code>
AND (1st element)	<code>x && y</code>
OR (elementwise)	<code>x y</code>
OR (1st element)	<code>x y</code>
exclusive OR	<code>xor(x, y)</code>

Logical operators act on logical and number-like vectors

Logical Operators

`! TRUE`

`! FALSE`

`TRUE & TRUE`

`TRUE & FALSE`

`FALSE & FALSE`

`TRUE | TRUE`

`TRUE | FALSE`

`FALSE | FALSE`

`xor(TRUE, FALSE)`

`xor(TRUE, TRUE)`

`xor(FALSE, FALSE)`

Logical and Comparison Operators

Many operations involve using logical and comparison operators:

```
x <- 5
```

```
(x > 0) & (x < 10)
```

```
(x > 0) | (x < 10)
```

```
(-2 * x > 0) & (x/2 < 10)
```

```
(-2 * x > 0) | (x/2 < 10)
```

`which()` functions

- ▶ `which()`: which indices are TRUE
- ▶ `which.min()`: location of first minimum
- ▶ `which.max()`: location of first maximum

Other Functions

```
(values <- -3:3)

## [1] -3 -2 -1  0  1  2  3

# logical comparison
values > 0

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

# positions (i.e. indices) of positive values
which(values > 0)

## [1] 5 6 7
```

Function which()

```
# indices of various comparisons
```

```
which(values > 0)
```

```
## [1] 5 6 7
```

```
which(values < 0)
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3
```

```
which(values == 0)
```

```
## [1] 4
```


Function which()

```
# logical comparison
values > 0

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

# logical subsetting
values[values > 0]

## [1] 1 2 3

# positions of positive values
which(values > 0)

## [1] 5 6 7

# numeric subsetting
values[which(values > 0)]

## [1] 1 2 3
```

`which.max()` and `which.min()`

```
which.max(values)
```

```
## [1] 7
```

```
which(values == max(values))
```

```
## [1] 7
```

```
which.min(values)
```

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

```
which(values == min(values))
```

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

Set Operations

Functions to perform set union, intersection, (asymmetric!) difference, equality and membership on two vectors

- ▶ `union(x, y)`
- ▶ `intersect(x, y)`
- ▶ `setdiff(x, y)`
- ▶ `setequal(x, y)`
- ▶ `is.element(el, set)`
- ▶ `%in%` operator

Set Operations

```
x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
y <- c(2, 4, 6)

union(x, y)
intersect(x, y)
setdiff(x, y)
setequal(x, y)
setequal(c(4, 6, 2), y)
is.element(1, x)
is.element(6, x)
3 %in% x
3 %in% y
```

General Functions

Functions for inspecting a vector

- ▶ `class(x)`
- ▶ `length(x)`
- ▶ `head(x)`
- ▶ `tail(x)`
- ▶ `summary(x)`

General Functions

```
ages <- c(21, 28, 23, 25, 24, 26, 27, 21)
```

```
class(ages)
```

```
length(ages)
```

```
head(ages)
```

```
tail(ages)
```

```
summary(ages)
```

Exercise

Find out what the following expressions return:

```
1:1
```

```
seq(0, 1, length.out = 10)
```

```
rep(c(1, 2, 3), times = c(1, 2, 3))
```

Exercise

Write three different ways in which the vector 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 can be created:

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Write three different ways in which the vector 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 can be created:

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
seq(from = 1, to = 5)
1:5
```

```
# another option
0:4 + 1
```

Exercise

Generate a random vector of $n=100$ elements:

```
set.seed(1)  
a <- rnorm(100)
```

Find the following:

- ▶ what's the vector class
- ▶ what's the mean and standard deviation
- ▶ what's the sum of all elements in absolute value
- ▶ how many elements are positive (≥ 0)
- ▶ how many elements are negative (< 0)
- ▶ the three smallest and largest numbers

Exercise

```
# class  
class(a)  
  
## [1] "numeric"  
  
# mean value  
mean(a)  
  
## [1] 0.1088874  
  
# std dev  
sd(a)  
  
## [1] 0.8981994
```

```
# sum of elems in abs-value  
sum(abs(a))  
  
## [1] 71.67207  
  
# how many positive  
sum(a >= 0)  
  
## [1] 54  
  
# how many negative  
sum(a < 0)  
  
## [1] 46
```

Exercise

```
# 3 smallest numbers
```

```
sort(a)[1:3]
```

```
## [1] -2.214700 -1.989352 -1.804959
```

```
# 3 largest numbers
```

```
sort(a, decreasing = TRUE)[1:3]
```

```
## [1] 2.401618 2.172612 1.980400
```