1. R Foundations - Atomic Vectors

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R

- R's mission is to enable the best and most thorough exploration of data possible (Chambers 2008).
- It is a dialect of the S language, developed at Bell Laboratories
- ACM noted that S "will forever alter the way people analyze, visualize, and manipulate data"
- See https://github.com/JimDuggan/CT5102

3.25

```
v <- 1:10
v

## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
summary(v)

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.</pre>
```

5.50

7.75

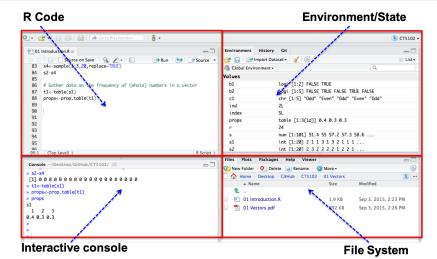
10.00

1.00

##

5.50

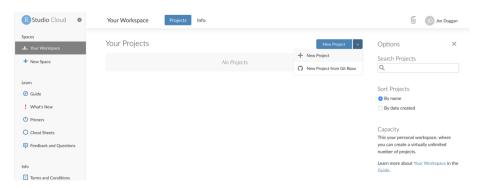
R Studio IDE (also available through https://rstudio.cloud)



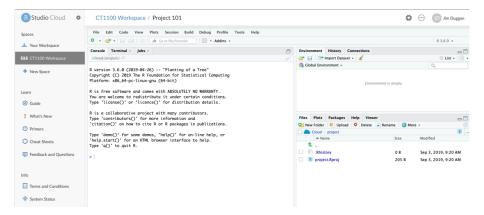
Setup an Account on rstudio.cloud



Create a project

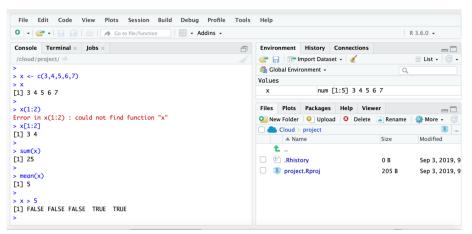


RStudio ready for use

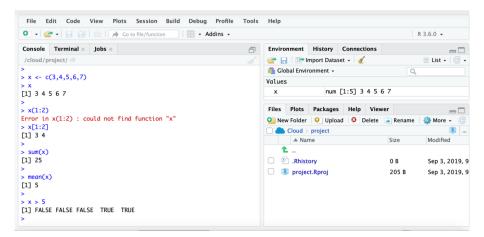


Run code in console.

R allows you process the data with function calls



Challange 1.1 - Replicate the following in RStudio Cloud



R Data Types

	Homogenous	Heterogenous	
1d	Atomic Vector	List	
2d	Matrix	Data Frame/Tibble	
nd	Array		

- The basic data structure in R is the Vector
- Vectors come in two flavours:
 - Atomic vectors
 - Lists
- With atomic vectors, all elements have the same type: logical, integer, double (numeric) or character
- typeof() str() functions useful

Atomic Vectors - Examples

```
dbl var \leftarrow c(2.9, 3.1, 4.8)
typeof(dbl_var)
## [1] "double"
int var \leftarrow c(OL, 1L, 2L)
typeof(int var)
## [1] "integer"
log_var <- c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, T, F)</pre>
typeof(log_var)
## [1] "logical"
str var <- c("Dublin", "London", "Edinburgh")</pre>
typeof(str var)
```

str() function useful

```
str(dbl var)
## num [1:3] 2.9 3.1 4.8
str(int var)
## int [1:3] 0 1 2
str(log_var)
   logi [1:5] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
##
str(str var)
   chr [1:3] "Dublin" "London" "Edinburgh"
```

Creating Sequences: and seq() function

[1] 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

```
v1 <- 1:10
v1
   [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
##
v2 <- 10:20
v2
   [1] 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
v3 \leftarrow seq(20, 30, by=1)
v3
```

##

Creating Vectors of fixed size (in advance)

[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE

Coercion of atomic vectors

- All elements of an atomic vector MUST be of the same type
- When different type are combined, they will be coerced into the most flexible types

	logical	integer	numeric	character
logical	logical	integer	numeric	character
integer	integer	integer	numeric	character
numeric	numeric	numeric	numeric	character
character	character	character	character	character

Coercion Examples

```
v1 \leftarrow c(10, 20, TRUE)
v1
## [1] 10 20 1
typeof(v1)
## [1] "double"
v2 <- c(10, 20, "True")
v2
## [1] "10" "20" "True"
typeof(v2)
```

[1] "character"

Challenge 1.2

Determine the types for each of the following vectors

```
v1 <- c(1L, T, FALSE)

v2 <- c(1L, T, FALSE, 2)

v3 <- c(T, FALSE, 2, "FALSE")

v4 <- c(2L, "FALSE")

v5 <- c(0L, 1L, 2.11)
```

Subsetting Atomic Vectors

- Subsetting data is a key activity in data science
- R's subsetting operators are powerful and fast
- For atomic vectors, the operator [is used
- In R, the index for a vector starts at 1

```
x <- c( 2.1, 4.2, 3.3, 5.4)

x

## [1] 2.1 4.2 3.3 5.4

x[1]

## [1] 2.1

x[c(1,4)]
```

[1] 2.1 5.4

Subsetting Vectors - (1) Positive Integer

Positive integers return elements at the specified position

```
x <- 1:10
x
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
x[5]
## [1] 5
x[8:10]</pre>
```

[1] 8 9 10

Subsetting Vectors - (2) Negative Integer

Negative integers omit elements at specified positions

```
x < -1:10
X
  [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
x[-5]
## [1] 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10
x[-(8:10)]
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
x[-(2:10)]
```

[1] 1

Subsetting Vectors - (3) Logical Vectors

- Select elements where the corresponding logical value is TRUE.
- This approach supports recycling

```
x <- 1:5

x

## [1] 1 2 3 4 5

x[c(F,T,T,T,T)]

## [1] 2 3 4 5

x[c(F,T)]
```

[1] 2 4

Logical Vectors - Can be formed with logical expressions

```
x < -1:5
x
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
1x < -x < 2
lx
## [1] TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
x[lx]
## [1] 1
x[x>2]
```

[1] 3 4 5

Subsetting Vectors - (4) Using character vectors

Return elements with matching names

```
x < -1:5
names(x) \leftarrow c("a","b","c","d","e")
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## a b c d e
## 1 2 3 4 5
x["a"]
## a
## 1
x[c("a", "e")]
## a e
```

1 5

Challenge 1.3

- Create an R vector of squares of 1 to 10
- Find the minimum
- Find the maximum
- Find the average
- Subset all those values greater than the average

Vectorisation

- A powerful feature of R is that it supports vectorisation
- Functions can operate on every element of a vector, and return the results of each individual operation in a new vector.

```
x
## [1] 1 4 9 16 25
y <- sqrt(x)
y</pre>
```

[1] 1 2 3 4 5

 $x \leftarrow c(1,4,9,16,25)$

Vectorisation

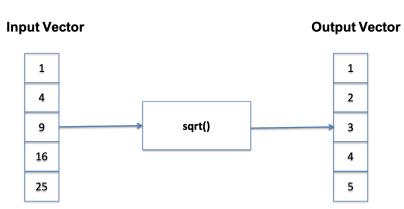


Figure 2: Vectorisation in R

Vectorised if/else

Vectors can also be processed using the vectorized ifelse(b,u,v) function, which accepts a boolean vector b and allocates the element-wise results to be either u or v.

```
v1 <- 1:5

ans <- ifelse(v1 %% 2 == 0, "Even", "Odd")
ans
```

```
## [1] "Odd" "Even" "Odd" "Even" "Odd"
```

Sample Function

sample takes a sample of the specified size from the elements of ${\bf x}$ using either with or without replacement.

Usage

```
sample(x, size, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL)
sample.int(n, size = n, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL)
```

Arguments

- x Either a vector of one or more elements from which to choose, or a positive integer. See 'Details.'
- n a positive number, the number of items to choose from. See 'Details.'
- size a non-negative integer giving the number of items to choose.
- replace Should sampling be with replacement?
- prob A vector of probability weights for obtaining the elements of the vector being sampled.

Figure 3: Sample function in Base R

```
s <- sample(c("Y","N"),10,prob=c(.2,.8),repl=T)
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NA Symbol in R (Not available)

- In a project of any size, data is likely to be incomplete due to
 - Missed survey questions
 - Faulty equipment
 - Improperly coded data
- In R, missing data is represented by the symbol NA

```
x <- 1:5
x[3] <- NA
x

## [1] 1 2 NA 4 5
sum(x)

## [1] NA
sum(x, na.rm=TRUE)</pre>
```

Testing for NA? Need is.na() function

- The function is.na() indicates which elements are missing
- Returns a logical vector, the same size as the input vector

```
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## [1] 1 2 NA 4 5
is.na(x)
## [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
which(is.na(x)) # get the location of NA
## [1] 3
x[!is.na(x)] # Exclude all NAs from result
```

[1] 1 2 4 5

Challenge 1.4

- Create a vector of 100 numbers
- Set 10 of these to NA (random)
- Print the locations of the missing values
- Hint: Check out the R function which()

Programming in R

- \bullet R is a block-structured language, where blocks are delineated by $\{\}$
- Statements separated by newline characters, or with semicolon
- Variable types are not declared (similar to JavaScript)

Loops in R

Method	Syntax	Comments
loop over the elements	for (x in xs)	not a good choice for a for loop because it leads to inefficient ways of saving output
loop over the numeric indices	for (i in seq_along(xs))	Allows you to to create the space you'll need for the output and then fill it in.
loop over the names	for (nm in names(xs))	

```
x<-1:4
y<-vector(mode="numeric",length = length(x))
for(i in seq_along(x)){
   y[i] <- x[i]
}
y</pre>
```

[1] 1 2 3 4

If statement in R

```
x<-4
y <- "Unknown"
if(x %% 2 == 0){
    y <- "Even Number"
}
y</pre>
```

If-else statement in R

```
x<-5
y <- "Unknown"
if(x %% 2 == 0){
    y <- "Even Number"
}else{
        y <- "Odd Number"
}
</pre>
```

```
## [1] "Odd Number"
```

• It is important to note that **else** must be in the same line as the closing braces of the if statements.

If-else-if

```
if(x > 0){
  print("Positive Number...")
}else if (x < 0){
    print("Negative Number...")
} else{
  print("Number is zero...")
}</pre>
```

[1] "Negative Number..."

sprintf() function for printing to console

A wrapper for the C function **sprintf**, that returns a character vector containing a formatted combination of text and variable values.

```
sprintf("%s is %f feet tall", "Sven", 7.1)
## [1] "Sven is 7.100000 feet tall"
sprintf("%f", pi)
## [1] "3.141593"
sprintf("%.3f", pi)
## [1] "3.142"
sprintf("%1.0f", pi)
```

[1] "3"

Summary

- Atomic vectors, key type in R
- All elements are the same type (coercion)
- Different ways to filter, including logical vectors
- is.na() to check for symbol NA (not available)
- Vectors support vectorised operations. e.g., sqrt(1:10)