

# 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”

```
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.
##      1.00   3.25   5.50   5.50   7.75   10.00
```

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

## R Code

```
01 Introduction.R x
Source on Save  Run  Source
83 s4<-sample(3,20,replace=TRUE)
84 s2=s4
85
86 # Gather data on the frequency of (whole) numbers in a vector
87 t1<-table(s1)
88 props<-prop.table(t1)
89
90
91
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100 (Top Level) s R Script s
```

## Environment/State

CT5102		
Environment	History	Git
Global Environment		
Values		
b1	logi [1:2]	FALSE TRUE
b2	logi [1:5]	FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
c1	chr [1:5]	"Odd" "Even" "Odd" "Even" "Odd"
ind	2L	
index	5L	
props	table [1:3(1d)]	0.4 0.3 0.3
r	24	
s	num [1:10]	51.4 55 57.2 57.3 58.6 ...
s1	int [1:20]	2 1 1 3 1 3 2 1 1 1 ...
s2	int [1:20]	2 3 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 ...

```
Console ~/Desktop/GitHub/CT5102/
> s2=s4
[1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
> t1<-table(s1)
> props<-prop.table(t1)
> props
s1
 1  2  3
0.4 0.3 0.3
>
>
```

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## Interactive console

## File System

Figure 1: R Studio IDE

# R Data Types

	Homogenous	Heterogenous
1d	<b>Atomic Vector</b>	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 <- c(2.9, 3.1, 4.8)
typeof(dbl_var)
```

```
## [1] "double"
```

```
int_var <- c(0L, 1L, 2L)
typeof(int_var)
```

```
## [1] "integer"
```

```
log_var <- c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, T, F)
typeof(log_var)
```

```
## [1] "logical"
```

```
str_var <- c("Dublin", "London", "Edinburgh")
typeof(str_var)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

## 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

```
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 <- seq(20, 30, by=1)
```

```
v3
```

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

## Creating Vectors of fixed size (in advance)

```
v1 <- vector(mode="numeric", length=20)
```

```
v1
```

```
## [1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

```
v2 <- vector(mode="logical", length=5)
```

```
v2
```

```
## [1] FALSE 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

	<b>logical</b>	<b>integer</b>	<b>numeric</b>	<b>character</b>
<b>logical</b>	logical	integer	numeric	character
<b>integer</b>	integer	integer	numeric	character
<b>numeric</b>	numeric	numeric	numeric	character
<b>character</b>	character	character	character	character

# Coercion Examples

```
v1 <- 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 1.1

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]
```

```
## [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
```

```
lx <- 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) <- c("a", "b", "c", "d", "e")  
x
```

```
## a b c d e  
## 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
x["a"]
```

```
## a  
## 1
```

```
x[c("a", "e")]
```

```
## a e  
## 1 5
```

## Challenge 1.2

- 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 <- c(1,4,9,16,25)
```

```
x
```

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

```
y <- sqrt(x)
```

```
y
```

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

# Vectorisation

**Input Vector**

1
4
9
16
25

`sqrt()`

**Output Vector**

1
2
3
4
5

**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 `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)
```

# 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)
```

```
## [1] 12
```

## 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

```
x
```

```
## [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
```



# 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)`**