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3a_basic_tools

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1. random

1.1. random sample

```
1. seed: set.seed(13579)

2. sample()

1. syntax
sample(x, size, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL)
sample.int(n, size = n, replace = FALSE, prob = NULL, usellash = (n > 1e+07 && !replace && is.null(prob) && size <= n/2))

2. usage

# basics
sample(c(1, 2, 3), size=2)
sample(52, size = 5, replace=F) # means sample from 1:52

# without size param: means sample same num of (permutation)
sample(10) # permutation of 1:10 (since replace=F)

# sample with probability
sample(c(-1, 0, 1), size=2, prob=c(0.25, 0.5, 0.25))
```

1.2 Random distributions

1. Supported distributions

Distribution	R name	Additional arguments
Beta	beta	shape1, shape2, ncp
Binomial	binom	size, prob
Cauchy	cauchy	location, scale
Chi-square	chisq	df, ncp
Exponential	exp	rate
F	f	df1, df2, ncp
Gamma	gamma	shape, scale
Geometric	geom	prob
Hypergeometric	hyper	m, n, k
Log-normal	lnorm	meanlog, sdlog
Logistic	logis	location, scale
Negative binomial	nbinom	size, prob
Normal	norm	mean, sd
Poisson	pois	lambda
Student's t	t	df, ncp
Uniform	unif	min, max
Weibull	weibull	shape, scale
Wilcoxon	wilcox	m, n

1. Notes

1. For uniform distribution, default min, max is 0, 1
2. For normal distribution, default mean = 0, sd (sqrt(var)) = 1.
Also, when writing $N(1, 4)$, mean is 1, sd is sqrt(4) = 2!

2. Supported functions for these distributions

When using, just `<R_function_name>(<R_dist_name>)`

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1. sample random number from the distribution:
`R_function_name: r` (random)
eg. `runif(n, min = 0, max = 1)`
2. Probability density function (pdf) for discrete or Probability mass function (pmf) for continuous `R_function_name: d` (density) eg.
`dnorm(seq(-1, 4, 0.1)); dbinom(0:20, size=20, prob=1/4)`
3. Cumulative probability distribution function (cdf) `R_function_name: p` (probability) eg. `pnorm(1.96):P(x<1.96)`

1. Critical value approach for testing if is the same distribution, at 95% significant level

```
s1 <- sd(x)
s2 <- sd(y)
n1 <- length(x)
n2 <- length(y)
PooledSD <- sqrt(((n1-1)*s1^2+(n2-1)*s2^2)/(n1+n2-2))

(t <- ((mean(x)-mean(y))/(PooledSD*sqrt(1/n1+1/n2))) # t-statistic
qt(.975,n1+n2-2) # critical value (t_alpha/2)
(abs(t) > qt(.975,n1+n2-2)) # if TRUE, we should reject H0
```

4. Quantiles `R_function_name: q`
eg. `qnorm(0.25):x such that P(X<x) = 0.25`
eg. `qnorm(0.5) = 0.00`

1.3 Examples

1. eg of random walk and plotting as time series
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2. eg of Mont Carlo:
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2. sorting

1. sort sort(x, decreasing = FALSE, ...)

```
> sort(c(3, 12, 2, 1))
[1] 1 2 3 12
```

1. give sort order

```
# 2 methods both OK
> order(c(3, 12, 2, 1))
[1] 4 3 1 2

> sort.list(c(3, 12, 2, 1))
[1] 4 3 1 2
```

3. vectorization

<OCLD>: If is vectorization to vector, use `ifelse` or `vapply()`; If is matrix use `outer` to do mask first.

1. vector

2. use access expressions to modify

```
v[v<0] <- v[v<0] * 2

women$height[women$weight > 140]
```

3. ifelse() is a vectorization tool

4. generally vapply()

1. idea: can use the `vapply()` function to vectorize the operation of a function that does not support vectorization.

2. syntax

```
vapply(X, FUN, FUN.VALUE, ...)
```

1. X is vector, cannot be matrix
2. FUN.VALUE specifies the output format `numeric(1)` indicating floating point format. Other possible output format includes: `logical(1)`, `integer(1)`, `character(1)`

3. eg

```
is.positive <- function(x) {
  if (x > 0) 1 else 0
}

vapply(x, is.positive, FUN.VALUE=numeric(1))
```

1. note: `numeric(1)` indicating floating point format. Other possible output format includes: `logical(1)`, `integer(1)`, `character(1)`

5. matrix, dataframe and other 2D f

1. outer: Use it to generate masks, See matrix section
2. apply: see section 2b 2.4

4. Stats related

1. basic stats values calculation: see section 2a 3.1.
2. Fgs