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A Few Comments on R Part 1

Module 1 Lecture 1B



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What is R?

R is a powerful software for interacting with data. Is also a programming language.

Documentation can be found at www.r-project.org or by searching "R software".

- codeschool.com → free course on R
- A (very) Short Introduction to R
– Torfs & Brauer
- A Quink Intro to R
– wilkenSon

General Comments on R

- R is case sensitive
- variable names should only contain
A-Z, a-z, 0-9
- does not print variable assignments
- commands sep by ; or a new line
and grouped by braces {}
- R is interactive
- # to comment
- Recall commands using ↑ and ↓
- if a command doesn't end, + appears on next line

R as a calculator

$2 + 3 - 7$

$2 + 3 / 4$

$\text{sqrt}(100)$

$100^{1/3}$

`help(sin)`

`factorial()`

`abs()`

`exp()`

`log()`

`pi`

`sin()`

`cos()`

`asin()`

Simple objects in R

Simple arrays

1:10

10:1

1:10 + 11:20

(10:1)^{^2}

Assigning variables

a = 1:10

a <- 1:10

c(1, 2, 3)

aa = c(a, a)

fn = c(1, 9, 8, ...
+)

data = scan(
1
2
3 blankline

Simple functions in R

`a = 1:10`

`sum(a)`

`mean(a)`

`sd(a)`

`mode(a)`

↑
type of storage

```
up = function(x) {  
  return(mean(x) + sd(x))  
}
```

`up(a)`

`up`

`mode(up)`

Matrices

$A = \text{matrix}(c(1, 3, 5, 2, 4, 6), \text{nrow} = 2)$

$aa = c(1:10, 1:10)$

$\text{bigaa} = \text{array}(aa, \text{dim} = c(4, 5))$

$A[2, 1]$

$W = [2, 1:3]$

$A[1,] \leftarrow \text{row}$

$A[, 2] \leftarrow \text{col.}$