EC969: Application for Data Analysis R Basics

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In this session, we will learn some R basics.

Key Terms

RStudio - RStudio is a Graphical User Interface (GUI) for easier use of R.

Objects - Everything you store in R.

Functions - A function is a code operation that accept inputs and returns a transformed output.

Packages - An R package is a shareable bundle of functions.

Scripts - A script is the document file that hold your commands.

Resources for learning

Resources within RStudio

- Help documentation
- Interactive tutorials
 - learnr R package
 - swirl

Cheatsheets

There are many PDF "cheatsheets" available on the RStudio website, for example:

- \bullet Factors with forcats package
- Dates and times with *lubridate* package
- Strings with *stringr* package
- iterative operataions with *purr* package
- Data import
- Data transformation cheatsheet with dplyr package
- R Markdown (to create documents like PDF, Word, Powerpoint...)
- Shiny (to build interactive web apps)
- Data visualization with ggplot2 package
- Cartography (GIS)
- leaflet package (interactive maps)
- Python with R (reticulate package)

Installation

We have shown that in other class.

How to update R and

```
Version-sessionInfo()
```

update- installr :: updateR() or "Help" -> "Check for Updates"

Other software you may need to install

• TinyTeX (for compiling an RMarkdown document to PDF)

- Pandoc (for compiling RMarkdown documents)
- RTools (for building packages for R)
- phantomis (for saving still images of animated networks, such as transmission chains)

RStudio orientation

- The Source Pane
- The R Console Pane
- The Environment Pane
- Plots, Viewer, Packages, and Help Pane

Basic commands in RStudio

Run a command

Commands in R can be entered directly into the console. Entering 3 or more characters of a command into the console or a script will open the suggested command menu. The command menu suggests commands or the names of variables you have intended to type, alongside a description and suggested use of the command.

After completing a command and pressing Enter, R will immediately run the code, print the output and move to a new line. Using the \uparrow key will repeat the last command entered into the console.

Using R Script

Multiple commands can be entered into a script, one after the other across multiple lines. R Script allows you to edit and reuse previous commands and to create more complicated lists of commands.

To run the script one line at a time, navigate the cursor to the appropriate line and press CTRL + Enter. To run all commands from the start, press CTRL + Shift + Enter.

Saving script in R

To save the script click File > Save and then enter the file name 'rbasics' in the project folder. This will save your script as 'rbasics.R'.

Objects

Everything in R is an object, and R is an "object-oriented" language. These sections will explain:

- How to create objects (<-)
- Types of objects (e.g. data frames, vectors..)
- How to access subparts of objects (e.g. variables in a dataset)
- Classes of objects (e.g. numeric, logical, integer, double, character, factor)

Defining Objects

Defining objects (<-) "is defined as"

 $object_name < -value$

Equals signs =

You will also see equals signs in R code:

- A double equals sign == between two objects or values asks a logical question: "is this equal to that?".
- You can use a single equals sign = in place of <- to create and define objects, but this is discouraged.

A quick note on naming of objects

- Object names must not contain spaces, but you should use underscore (_) or a period (.) instead of a space.
- Object names are case-sensitive (meaning that Dataset_A is different from dataset_A).
- Object names must begin with a letter (cannot begin with a number like 1, 2 or 3)

Object structure

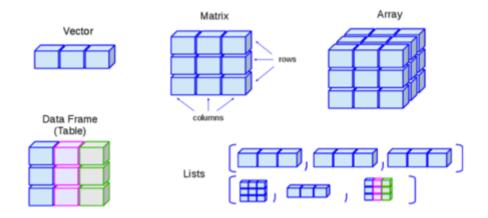


Figure 1: data structure

Object Classes

Class	Examples
Character	"Character objects are in quotation marks"
Integer	-6, 12, or 2020
Numeric	23.5 or 16
Factor	An variable of economic status with ordered
	values
Date	2018-06-12 or $15/3/1956$ or Wed 6 Jan 1988
Logical	TRUE or FALSE
data.frame	The example AJS dataset

Class	Examples
tibble	Any data frame, list, or matrix can be
	converted to a tibble with as_tibble()
list	A list could hold a single number, and a
	dataframe, and a vector, and even another
	list within it!

Operators

Mathematical Operators

Purpose	Example in R
addition	2 + 3
subtraction	2 - 3
multiplication	2 * 3
division	30 / 5
exponent	2^3
order of operations	()

Mathematical functions

Purpose	Function
rounding	round(x, digits = n)
rounding	$janitor::round_half_up(x,digits=n)$
ceiling (round up)	ceiling(x)
floor (round down)	floor(x)
absolute value	abs(x)
square root	$\operatorname{sqrt}(x)$

Purpose	Function
exponent	exponent(x)
natural logarithm	log(x)
log base 10	log10(x)
log base 2	log2(x)

Using %in%

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

"a" %in% vector

"g" %in% vector

# to negate, put an exclamation in front
!"a" %in% vector</pre>
```

Start a new project in R

When starting to work with a new dataset, a new project should be created.

Working directory

Getting working directory

getwd()

Setting working directory setwd()

Installing packages

To run commands other than basic functions, you will need to install some plugins or packages to bring extra functionality. To install packages use the command *install.packages*(). You can install the following packages in R.

```
install.packages(c("readxl","psych","FSA","car","ggplot2","stargazer"))
```

Loading packages

```
library(readxl)
library(psych)
library(FSA)
library(car)
library(ggplot2)
library(stargazer)
```

Importing an excel file into R

To import the data from an excel file, use the command $read_excel()$.

```
# you can use package wooldridge to get data as well.
datadf <- read_excel("M:/EC969/R/EC969/wages.xlsx",sheet = "WAGE2")

#install.packages('AER')

## install devtools and then
devtools::install_git("https://github.com/ccolonescu/PoEdata")

## install.packages(POEdata)
library(AER)
data(Fatalities)
library(PoEdata)

data(food, package='PoEdata')</pre>
```

The data is now imported into R.

Viewing imported data

To view all the data, you can use View() command to view data/variables.

```
View(datadf)
View(Fatalities)
```

To view a particular part of the data set, for example, you can use command

```
# to view wage column
View(datadf$wage)

# to view wage to IQ
View(datadf[,1:3])
# before comma represents row number
# after comma presents column number

# to view first 10 rows of datadf
View(datadf[1:10,])
```

To see the variables in console, you can use print()

```
# to view first 10 rows of wage to IQ in console

print(datadf[1:10,1:3])

## # A tibble: 10 x 3

## wage hours IQ

## <dbl> <dbl> <dbl><</pre>
```

769

808

40

50

93

119

##

##

2

```
3
         825
                 40
##
                       108
    4
         650
                 40
                        96
##
##
    5
         562
                 40
                        74
    6
        1400
##
                 40
                       116
##
    7
         600
                 40
                        91
    8
        1081
                 40
                       114
##
##
    9
        1154
                 45
                       111
        1000
                 40
                        95
## 10
```

R variables and data type

The common variable types and data types that you will be working with in R is as follows:

```
str(datadf)
str(Fatalities)
str(food)
```

Summary/Descriptive statistics

It is important to know the summary and descriptive statistics of the data. You can do this using the following commands. summary() command provide details of minimum, 1st quantile, median, mean, 3rd quantile and maximum of variables. psych :: describe() provide

```
# to view summary of the data
summary(datadf)
```

##	wage	hours	IQ	educ
##	Min. : 115.0	Min. :20.00	Min. : 50.0	Min. : 9.00
##	1st Qu.: 669.0	1st Qu.:40.00	1st Qu.: 92.0	1st Qu.:12.00
##	Median : 905.0	Median :40.00	Median :102.0	Median :12.00
##	Mean : 957.9	Mean :43.93	Mean :101.3	Mean :13.47
##	3rd Qu.:1160.0	3rd Qu.:48.00	3rd Qu.:112.0	3rd Qu.:16.00

```
Max.
   Max.
          :3078.0
                           :80.00
##
                                    Max.
                                           :145.0
                                                    Max.
                                                           :18.00
                                                       married
##
       exper
                       tenure
                                         age
   Min. : 1.00
                   Min. : 0.000
                                           :28.00
                                                    Min.
##
                                    Min.
                                                           :0.000
   1st Qu.: 8.00
                   1st Qu.: 3.000
                                    1st Qu.:30.00
                                                    1st Qu.:1.000
##
   Median :11.00
                   Median : 7.000
                                    Median :33.00
                                                    Median :1.000
##
   Mean
         :11.56
                   Mean : 7.234
                                    Mean
                                           :33.08
                                                           :0.893
##
                                                    Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:15.00
                   3rd Qu.:11.000
                                    3rd Qu.:36.00
                                                    3rd Qu.:1.000
          :23.00
                   Max. :22.000
                                           :38.00
   Max.
                                    Max.
                                                    Max.
                                                           :1.000
##
       south
                        urban
##
   Min.
          :0.0000
                    Min. :0.0000
##
##
   1st Qu.:0.0000
                    1st Qu.:0.0000
   Median :0.0000
                   Median :1.0000
##
##
   Mean
          :0.3412
                    Mean
                           :0.7176
##
   3rd Qu.:1.0000
                    3rd Qu.:1.0000
   Max.
          :1.0000
                    Max.
                           :1.0000
##
```

to view descriptive statistics of data

psych::describe(datadf)

##	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max	range	skew
## wage	1	935	957.95	404.36	905	919.69	369.17	115	3078	2963	1.20
## hours	2	935	43.93	7.22	40	42.80	0.00	20	80	60	1.59
## IQ	3	935	101.28	15.05	102	101.87	14.83	50	145	95	-0.34
## educ	4	935	13.47	2.20	12	13.33	1.48	9	18	9	0.55
## exper	5	935	11.56	4.37	11	11.52	4.45	1	23	22	0.08
## tenure	6	935	7.23	5.08	7	6.89	5.93	0	22	22	0.43
## age	7	935	33.08	3.11	33	33.04	4.45	28	38	10	0.12
## married	8	935	0.89	0.31	1	0.99	0.00	0	1	1	-2.54
## south	9	935	0.34	0.47	0	0.30	0.00	0	1	1	0.67
## urban	10	935	0.72	0.45	1	0.77	0.00	0	1	1	-0.97
##	kurt	osis	se								

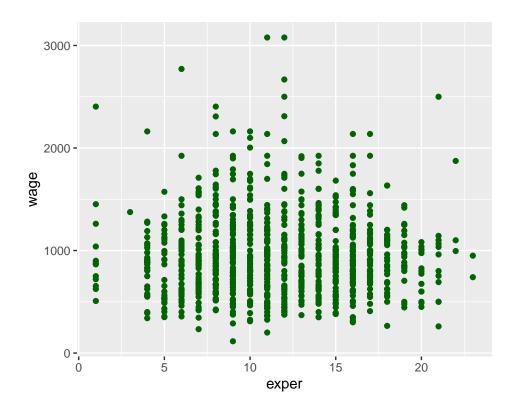
```
## wage
              2.68 13.22
## hours
              4.14 0.24
## IQ
             -0.03 0.49
## educ
             -0.74 0.07
## exper
             -0.57 0.14
## tenure
             -0.81 0.17
## age
             -1.26 0.10
## married
             4.45 0.01
## south
             -1.55 0.02
## urban
             -1.07 0.01
```

Plotting data

Scatter plot

Looking at the data is a good practice. To do a scatter plot, for instance wage versus exper, you can use the command

```
# you can change shape, color, size of geom point
ggplot(datadf,aes(x=exper,y=wage))+ geom_point(color="darkgreen")
```



```
#from PoEdata using plot function
plot(food$income, food$food_exp,
    ylim=c(0, max(food$food_exp)),
    xlim=c(0, max(food$income)),
    xlab="weekly income in $100",
    ylab="weekly food expenditure ($)",
    type = "p")
```



Removing variables from your data

Sometimes you might want to remove variables from your dataset. There various ways to do that. For example, to remove the variables *south* and *urban* we could use,

1. Delete column by name

The most easiest way to drop columns is by using subset() function. In the code below, we are telling R to drop variables south and urban. The — sign indicates dropping variables. Make sure the variable names would NOT be specified in quotes when using subset() function.

2. Drop columns by column index numbers

It's easier to remove variables by their position number. In the following code, we want to drop variables that are positioned at ninth column and tenth columns. The - sign is to drop variables.

```
dfsthur <- datadf[,-c(9,10)]
```

Alternatively, to remove all variables other than wage we could use any of the following commands

```
dfwage <- datadf$wage # using $

dfwage <- subset(datadf, select = wage) # using function subset()

dfwage <- datadf[,1] # column index</pre>
```

Also, if a variable already exists and you want to redefine its content, you can change the right side of the function to change the content.

3. Deleting object

If you want to delete a object you have created, you can use the function rm(). For removing all the object use-rm(list = ls()).

Estimating a Linear Regression

$$food_exp = \beta_1 + \beta_2 income + u$$

```
# Running linear regression
mod1 <- lm(food_exp ~ income, data = food)

# beta1
b1 <- coef(mod1)[[1]]

#beta2
b2 <- coef(mod1)[[2]]

# summary results from linear regression</pre>
```

```
smod1<- summary(mod1)</pre>
smod1
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = food exp ~ income, data = food)
##
## Residuals:
       Min
                      Median
                 1Q
                                   3Q
                                           Max
## -223.025 -50.816
                      -6.324 67.879 212.044
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 83.416
                           43.410
                                   1.922
                                            0.0622 .
                            2.093 4.877 1.95e-05 ***
## income
                10.210
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 89.52 on 38 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.385, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3688
## F-statistic: 23.79 on 1 and 38 DF, p-value: 1.946e-05
Using a fancy table
# Using fancy table style
stargazer::stargazer(mod1,type='latex')
```

Table 4:

	Dependent variable:
	$food_exp$
income	10.210***
	(2.093)
Constant	83.416*
	(43.410)
Observations	40
\mathbb{R}^2	0.385
Adjusted R^2	0.369
Residual Std. Error	89.517 (df = 38)
F Statistic	$23.789^{***} (df = 1; 38)$
Note:	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

Plotting with coefficients



Getting name/coefficients from estimated model

income

```
# list of names
names(mod1)
    [1] "coefficients" "residuals"
                                          "effects"
                                                           "rank"
##
##
    [5] "fitted.values" "assign"
                                          "qr"
                                                           "df.residual"
    [9] "xlevels"
                         "call"
                                          "terms"
                                                           "model"
##
names(smod1)
    [1] "call"
                                          "residuals"
                                                           "coefficients"
                         "terms"
##
                         "sigma"
                                                           "r.squared"
    [5] "aliased"
                                          "df"
##
    [9] "adj.r.squared" "fstatistic"
                                          "cov.unscaled"
##
# coefficient
mod1$coefficients
```

(Intercept)

```
## 83.41600 10.20964
```

smod1\$coefficients

```
## Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 83.41600 43.410163 1.921578 6.218242e-02
## income 10.20964 2.093264 4.877381 1.945862e-05
```

Prediction with the Linear Regression Model

$$\widehat{food_exp} = 83.416002 + 10.209643 * 20 = 287.608861$$

```
mod1 <- lm(food_exp~income, data=food)
newx <- data.frame(income = c(20, 25, 27))
y_hat <- predict(mod1, newx)
names(y_hat) <- c("income=$2000", "$2500", "$2700")
y_hat
## income=$2000 $2500 $2700
## 287.6089 338.6571 359.0764</pre>
```

Estimated Variances and Covariance of Regression Coefficients

```
varb1 <- vcov(mod1)[1, 1]; varb1

## [1] 1884.442

varb2 <- vcov(mod1)[2, 2]; varb2

## [1] 4.381752

covb1b2 <- vcov(mod1)[1,2]; covb1b2

## [1] -85.90316</pre>
```