

DATA TYPES & STRUCTURES

6 Atomic Types (coercion order)

logical < integer < double < character < complex < raw

typeof() vs class() vs mode()

Object	typeof	class	mode
TRUE	"logical"	"logical"	"logical"
1L	"integer"	"integer"	"numeric"
3.14	"double"	"numeric"	"numeric"
"hi"	"character"	"character"	"character"
1:3	"integer"	"integer"	"numeric"
c(1,2)	"double"	"numeric"	"numeric"
list()	"list"	"list"	"list"
data.frame()	"list"	"data.frame"	"list"
factor("a")	"integer"	"factor"	"numeric"
function()	"closure"	"function"	"function"
NULL	"NULL"	"NULL"	"NULL"
NA	"logical"	"logical"	"logical"

► is.numeric(x) → TRUE for **both** integer and double!
is.double(1L) → FALSE. is.numeric(1L) → TRUE.

Key Structures

Matrix: atomic vector + dim attr. Filled **column-wise**.
attr(M,"dim") <- c(2,5) turns length-10 vec into 2×5 matrix.
attr(M,"dim") <- NULL → back to plain vector.
class(M) → c("matrix","array") when dim set.
Array: atomic vector with dim length > 2.
Data frame: typeof="list", class="data.frame".
attributes(df) → list with names, class, row.names.
Attributes: attr(x,"info")<"..." sets metadata.
attributes(x) → full list. attr(x,"dim") → get one.

Factors

Integer vector with levels + class attributes.
Levels sorted **alphabetically**: factor(c("M","F","F")) → levels
c("F","M").

as.integer(factor(c("M","F","F"))) → c(2,1,1).

► Assigning value not in levels → becomes NA with warning.

► Numeric factor trap:

as.numeric(factor(c(0,1,10,5))) → c(1,2,4,3) (indices!)

Fix: as.numeric(as.character(x_fac))

identical() vs ==

= is vectorized, NA propagates. identical() returns single T/F.

identical(NA, NA) → TRUE. NA == NA → NA.

identical(1, 1L) → FALSE (type matters!). identical(1L, 1L) → TRUE.

all.equal(1, 1L) → TRUE (near-equality, ignores type).

all.equal(0.1+0.2, 0.3) → TRUE. 0.1+0.2 == 0.3 → FALSE (float!).

Type checking & conversion

is.numeric(0) → TRUE for int AND double.

is.atomic(0) → TRUE for vec.

as.integer(3.9) → 3 (truncates). as.double(TRUE) → 1.

as.character(123) → "123". as.numeric("3.14") → 3.14.

is.vector(list()) → TRUE. is.atomic(list()) → FALSE.

unlist(list(1,c(2,3))) → c(1,2,3).

COERCION & SPECIAL VALUES

Combining different types with c()

c(TRUE,1L,2.5) → double c(1.0,1.0,2.5)

c(TRUE,1,"a") → character c("TRUE","1","a")

c(FALSE,1L) → integer c(0L,1L)

Implicit coercion

TRUE → 1, FALSE → 0 in math.

sum(c(T,F,T)) → 2. mean(c(T,F,T)) → 0.667.

as.logical() rules

Input	Result
as.logical(0)	FALSE
as.logical(1)	TRUE
as.logical(-1)	TRUE (any nonzero≠NaN)
as.logical(NaN)	NA
as.logical("TRUE"/"true"/"T")	TRUE
as.logical("False"/"false"/"F")	FALSE
as.logical("t"/"1"/"0")	NA

Accepted: "TRUE","True","true","T","FALSE","False","false","F" only.

► as.logical(c("0",1)) → all coerced to **char** first → all NA.

as.numeric("dog") → NA with warning.

as.integer(TRUE) → 1L. as.integer(FALSE) → 0L.

as.character(TRUE) → "TRUE". as.character(1.5) → "1.5".

Coercion in matrix/data.frame

Matrix: all elements same type (coerced).
matrix(c(1,"a")) → all char.

Data frame: each column can be different type (list of columns).

cbind() on mixed types → coerces to most general (matrix).

data.frame(x=1:3, y=c("a","b","c")) → preserves types.

Special values: NA, NULL, NaN, Inf

	NA	NULL	NaN	Inf
Meaning	Missing	Empty	0/0	∞
typeof	"logical"	"NULL"	"double"	"double"
In c()	Kept	Dropped	Kept	Kept
length	1	0	1	1
is.na()	TRUE	lgcl(0)	TRUE	FALSE
is.null()	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
is.finite()	FALSE	—	FALSE	FALSE

NA — Missing / Unknown

NA == NA → NA (must use is.na()).

NA in math: NA + 1 → NA. NA * 0 → NA (not 0!).

NA & FALSE → FALSE. NA | TRUE → TRUE. (determined!)

Typed: NA_integer_, NA_real_, NA_character_, NA_complex_.

NA in vector does NOT change vector's type.

complete.cases(df) → logical, rows with no NA.

na.omit(df) → remove rows with any NA.

is.na(x) <- 3 → sets x[3] to NA.

NULL — Empty / Nonexistent

c(4,5,NULL,3) → c(4,5,3) (NULL silently dropped!).

length(NULL) → 0. NULL + 1 → numeric(0).

NULL == NULL → logical(0) (not TRUE!). is.logical(NULL) → FALSE.

Remove list elements: l\$x <- NULL. Default arg: f(x=NULL).

NaN and Inf

0/0 → NaN. 1/0 → Inf. -1/0 → -Inf. log(0) → -Inf.

Inf - Inf → NaN. Inf + Inf → Inf. Inf * 0 → NaN.

is.nan(NaN) → TRUE. is.na(NaN) → TRUE (NaN is also NA!).

is.infinite(Inf) → TRUE. max(c(1,Inf)) → Inf.

NaN > 1 → NA. Inf > 1e308 → TRUE.

OPERATORS, RECYCLING & PRECEDENCE

Element-wise operators (all recycle)

+ - * / ^ %% (modulo) %/% (integer div)

5 %/% 3 → 2. 5 %/% 3 → 1. (-7) %/% 3 → 2 (always ≥ 0).

c(10,20,30) * c(1,2,3) → c(10,40,90).

Math functions (vectorized)

abs(), sqrt(), ceiling(), floor(), round(x,n), trunc(),
log(), log2(), log10(), exp(), sign().

► round(2.5) → 2 (banker's rounding! rounds to **even**).

round(3.5) → 4. round(0.5) → 0. round(1.5) → 2.

Aggregation functions

sum(), prod(), min(), max(), range(), mean(), median(),
var(), sd(), length(), nchar().

► All return NA if input has NA! Fix: na.rm=TRUE.

Cumulative: cumsum(), cumprod(), cummax(), cummin().

Set operations on vectors

union(x,y), intersect(x,y), setdiff(x,y), setequal(x,y).

%in%: logical, vectorized on LEFT only.

c(1,2,3) %in% c(2,4) → c(F,T,F).

Recycling

Shorter vector **repeated** to match longer.

► Warning only if longer length NOT multiple of shorter.

c(1,2,3)+c(100,200,300,400,500,600) → c(101,202,303,401,502,603)
(no warn)

c(1,2,3)+c(100,200,300,400,500) → c(101,202,303,401,502)
(**warning**)

Scalar recycling: x * 2 recycles 2. No warning.

Matrix recycling: **column-wise** (down col 1, then col 2...).

Row-wise trick: t(t(M) + x).

Logical recycling: c(T,F) recycles for every-other selection.

cbind/rbind recycle shorter to match longer.

Logical operators

Vectorized (OR), & (AND) Returns vector	Non-vectorized !, && Returns single value	Use in if() only Length-1 req'd
&&: length>1 → ERROR (R≥4.3).		

==, !=, <, >, <=, >= (vectorized, recycling).

Short-circuit evaluation

FALSE && y → FALSE (y not evaluated). TRUE || y → TRUE (y not evaluated).

FALSE || y → evaluates y → error if length>1. TRUE && y → same.

NA logic

	TRUE	FALSE
-- NA	TRUE	NA
-- & NA	NA	FALSE

Rule: if result determined without NA, R returns it.

xor(T,T) → F. xor(T,F) → T. !NA → NA.

any(logical(0)) → FALSE. all(logical(0)) → TRUE.

"10" < "2" → TRUE (alphabetical!). "a" < "A" → TRUE.

Operator precedence (high to low)

^ > unary +/− > %/%/*/%*%/%in% > */ > +/− > < > <= >= == != >
> & && > | || > ~ > > > < <=

► !x == y means (!x) == y, not ! (x==y).

-2^2 → -4 (power before negation!). (-2)^2 → 4.

1:5 + 1 → c(2,3,4,5,6) (: binds tighter than +).

1:(5+1) → c(1,2,3,4,5,6).

SUBSETTING

Atomic vectors — 4 methods

1. Positive int: x[c(3,1)] → 3rd, 1st. Dupes OK: x[c(1,1)].

► Reals **truncated**: x[2.9] → same as x[2].

2. Negative int: x[-c(1,3)] → all except 1st, 3rd.

► Cannot mix +/-: x[c(-1,2)] → **ERROR**.

3. Logical: x[c(T,F,T,F)] → 1st, 3rd. Recycled if shorter.

► NA in index → NA in output: x[c(T,NA)] → val, NA, val, NA.

4. Character: (named vec) y[a"]. No partial matching with [.

Names must match **exactly**: z["a"] on c(abc=1) → NA.

Lookup tables: lookup[x] to translate abbreviations.

Special cases

x[] → original. x[0] → zero-length vec.

OOB: x[5] on length-3 → NA. x[[5]] → **ERROR**.

Lists: [vs [[vs \$

	x[i]	x[[i]] / x\$a
Returns	List (train car)	Contents (inside)
typeof	Always "list"	Type of element
Multiple	Yes x[1:3]	No (single only)
Names	Preserved	Dropped

x[[c(1,2)]] → recursive: x[[1]][[2]].

OOB: [14] → list w/ NULL. 1[[4]] → **ERROR**.

1[NULL] → empty list. 1[[NULL]] → **ERROR**.

\$ does **partial matching**: l\$name may match l\$name silently!

[[does NOT partial match: 1[["na"]] → NULL.

On atomic: x[i] → keeps names. x[[i]] → drops names.

Matrices

a[1:2,] → rows 1–2. a[,c("B","A")] → cols B, A.

Single row/col → **simplifies to vector**. Prevent: drop=FALSE.

Stored in **column-major**: a[8] = 8th element column-wise.

Matrix index: each row = coordinates.
vals[select] → vector.

Data frames

Syntax	Returns	Style
df["x"]	data.frame	list (preserves)
df[, "x"]	vector	matrix (simplifies)
df\$x / df[["x"]]	vector	list (simplifies)
df[1,]	data.frame row	matrix-style
df[c(1,3)]	cols 1,3 (df)	list (no comma!)

► mtcars[mtcars\$ cyl<=5] → **ERROR** (forgot comma — selects cols)

Fix: mtcars[mtcars\$ cyl<=5,]

► mtcars\$ cyl==4 | 6 → always TRUE (6 → TRUE).

Fix: cyl==4 | cyl==6 or cyl %in% c(4,6).

► mtcars[1:13] → **ERROR** (13 cols, only 11!). **Fix:**

mtcars[1:13,].

Simplifying vs Preserving

Type	Preserving	Simplifying
Atomic	x[i] (names)	x[[1]] (no names)
List	x[i] (list)	x[[1]] (contents)
Factor	x[i] (all lvls)	x[i,drop=T]
Matrix	a[i,"drop=F"]	a[i,] (vector)
Data frame	df["x"] (df)	df[, "x"] (vector)

CONTROL FLOW

if() — requires single non-NA logical

Condition	Result
Length > 1	ERROR : “condition has length > 1”
NA	ERROR : “missing value where T/F needed”
Length 0	ERROR : “argument is of length zero”

else **must** be on same line as closing }.

Once TRUE, remaining else if blocks **skipped**.

ifelse(cond,yes,no) → **vectorized**. Evaluates ALL branches.

case_when(c1~v1, c2~v2, TRUE~default): vectorized multi-cond.

Use any()/all() to reduce vector to single logical for if().

Loops

for(x in vec){...}: iterates any vector/list.
while(cond){...}: after exit, counter one past end.
repeat{...; if(...) break}: infinite until break.
break → exit loop. next → skip to next iteration.
for(i in 1:10){if(i%%2==0) break; cat(i)} → prints 1 only.
for(i in 1:10){if(i%%2==0) next; cat(i)} → 1 3 5 7 9.

Pre-allocate!

res <- rep(NA, n) then fill. NOT c(res,val) (100x slower).

► 1:length(1) when empty → c(1,0) (loops twice!).

Fix: seq_along(1) or seq_len(n) → integer(0) when empty.

BASE R FUNCTIONS

Searching & matching

which(x > 5) → **indices** where TRUE. Ignores NA.

which.min(x), which.max(x) → index of min/max.

match(x, table) → 1st index of x in table (NA if none).

match(c(3,5,1), c(1,2,3)) → c(3,NA,1).

Sequence & repetition

seq(from, to, by) or seq(from, to, length.out=n).

seq_along(x) → safe 1:length(x). seq_len(n) → safe 1:n.

rep(x, times=3) → repeat whole 3x. rep(x, each=3) → each 3x.

rep(c(1,2), times=c(3,2)) → c(1,1,1,2,2).

Sorting & ordering

sort(x) → sorted values. rev(x) → reversed.

order(x) → indices that would sort. x[order(x)] → sort(x).

df[order(df\$age),] → sort df by age. order(x, decreasing=T).

Counting & uniqueness

table(x) → freq table. table(x,y) → cross-tab.

unique(x) → unique values. duplicated(x) → logical.

nrow(), ncol(), dim(), str(), summary(), head(), tail().

S3 OOP

Setup — one example for everything

f <- function(x) UseMethod("f") *generic (must have UseMethod)*

f.j <- function(x) x+2 *method for class “j”*

f.k <- function(x) x+10 *method for class “k”*

f.default <- function(x) x+100 *fallback if no match*

How dispatch works: f(obj) traces

f(obj) → R reads class(obj), tries f.class1, f.class2, ...,
f.default, else **ERROR**.

Traps (using same example)

- ▶ `f.(7) → 9`: direct call **skips dispatch**, just runs `7 + 2!`
- ▶ `f <- function(x) UseMethod("g") → dispatches g.class not f.class!`
- ▶ Generic without `UseMethod()` → methods **never** called.
- ▶ No matching method + no `.default` → **ERROR**.

Creating S3 objects

```
obj <- structure(list(name="apple"), class="fruit")
```

Or: `obj <- list(...); class(obj) <- "fruit"`

Inheritance: `class(obj) <- c("apple","fruit")` (tries left to right).

▶ Use `inherits(obj,"fruit")`, NOT `class(obj)=="fruit"`.

Encapsulated OOP: methods belong to objects.
library(R6).

```
Usage: new(), chaining, $set()
clock1 <- Clock$new()
clock1$add_hour()$add_hour()$add_second()
clock1 → Hour: 2 / Minute: 0 / Second: 1
Clock$set("public", "clock_type", "analog")
clock1 → still Hour: 2 / Minute: 0 / Second: 1
► $set() only affects new objects, not existing ones!
```

Inheritance & Reference semantics

```
R6Class("Child", inherit=Parent).super$method() for parent.
class(x) → c("Child", "Parent", "R6").
y <- x → SAME object! y$set(10) changes x too!
y <- x$clone() → independent. $clone(deep=TRUE) → deep copy.
Functions can modify R6 args without assignment: f(x)
changes x!
```

```
df <- data.frame(name=c("A","B","C","A"),
age=c(20,25,30,22), score=c(80,90,70,85))
```

	name	age	score
1	A	20	80
2	B	25	90
3	C	30	70
4	A	22	85

```
select() — choose columns
df |> select(name, age) → keeps only name, age cols
df |> select(-score) → same (drop score)
df |> select(n=name) → renames name to n

filter() — keep rows
df |> filter(age > 22) → rows 2,3 (B/25/90, C/30/70)
df |> filter(name=="A", age>20) → row 4 only (comma=AND)
► filter(df, name = "A") → error! Use = not ==.
```

```
N() → count rows. n_distinct(col) → unique count.
group_by() + mutate() → adds col within group.
ungroup() to remove grouping after.
```

Other verbs

```
df |> count(name) → A:2, B:1, C:1
df |> distinct(name) → A, B, C
df |> slice(1:2) → first 2 rows
df |> pull(age) → c(20,25,30,22) (vector!)
```

Joins

```
x = data.frame(id=c(1,2,3), n=c("A","B","C"))
y = data.frame(id=c(2,3,4), s=c(90,80,70))
```

Join	Result (id, n, s)
left_join(x,y)	1/A/NA, 2/B/90, 3/C/80
right_join(x,y)	2/B/90, 3/C/80, 4/NA/70
inner_join(x,y)	2/B/90, 3/C/80
full_join(x,y)	1/A/NA, 2/B/90, 3/C/80, 4/NA/70
semi_join(x,y)	2/B, 3/C (no y cols added)
anti_join(x,y)	1/A (x rows w/ no match)

left_join(x, y, by=join_by(a == b)). Same name: join_by(x).

No match → NA. Non-unique → **Cartesian product**.

Set ops: intersect(), union(), setdiff() on rows.

```

pivot_linger(beer,
              cols = "2012","2013",
              names_to = "year",
              values_to = "cases")

## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##   city      <chr> <chr> <dbl>
## #1 FR       2012    2013    6900
## #2 FR       2010    2013    7000
## #3 FR       2011    2013    7000
## #4 DE       2012    2013    6000
## #5 DE       2010    2013    6000
## #6 US       2012    2013    15000
## #7 US       2010    2013    15000
## #8 US       2011    2013    15000
## #9 BE       2012    2013    12000
## #10 BE      2010    2013    12000

pivot_linger(beer,
              cols = "2012","2013",
              names_to = "year",
              values_to = "cases")

## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##   city      <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl>
## #1 FR       2012    year cases
## #2 FR       2010    year cases
## #3 FR       2011    year cases
## #4 DE       2012    year cases
## #5 DE       2010    year cases
## #6 US       2012    year cases
## #7 US       2010    year cases
## #8 US       2011    year cases
## #9 BE       2012    year cases
## #10 BE      2010    year cases

pivot_wider(beer,
             names_from = "year",
             values_from = "cases")

## # A tibble: 3 x 3
##   city      <chr> <chr> <dbl>
## #1 city      large small
## #2 New York  23    14
## #3 London    22    16
## #4 Beijing   121   56

Avoid NAs by using values_fill = 0

city      size amount
New York  large    23
New York  small   14
London    large    22
London    small   16
Beijing    large  121
Beijing    small   56

```

string functions	
s <- c("apple 3", "banana 12", "cherry")	
Function	Example & Result
str_detect(s,p)	str_detect(s,"\\d") → T, T, F
str_extract(s,p)	str_extract(s,"\\d+") → "3","12",NA
str_match(s,p)	str_match(s,"(\\w+) (\\d+)" → matrix col1=full, col2="apple", "banana", NA
str_replace(s,p,r)	str_replace(s,"a","X") → "Xple 3",...
str_replace_all	str_replace_all(s,"a","X") → "Xple 3", "bXnX"
str_split(s,p)	str_split("a.b.c","\\.") → list(c("a","b","c"
str_count(s,p)	str_count(s,"a") → 1, 3, 0

Caret ^ - 3 meanings by position

- ^"Hi" → matches "Hi there", not "say Hi" (start anchor)
- "[^aeiou]" → matches "b", "c", "d", ... (negation inside [])
- "[abc]" → matches a,b,c, ^ (literal when not first in [])

Inside []: most metachar literal. Exceptions:] ^ \.

Greedy (default): longest match. Add `?` after for **lazy** (shortest).

```
str_extract("Peter Piper", "P.*r") → "Peter Piper" (greedy).  
str_extract("Peter Piper", "P.*?r") → "Peter" (lazy).
```

Lookarounds (zero-width, not consumed)
 (?=...) → pos ahead. (?!...) → neg ahead.
 (?<=...) → pos behind. (?<!...) → neg behind.
 Lookbehind: **bounded length only** (no */+).

NA — "I don't know"	
Situation	Example
Any math with NA	$NA + 1 \rightarrow NA, NA * 0 \rightarrow NA$
Comparison with NA	$NA == NA \rightarrow NA, NA > 5 \rightarrow NA$
Logic (undetermined)	$NA \& TRUE \rightarrow NA, NA \mid FALSE \rightarrow NA$
OOB with [$x[10] \text{ on length-3} \rightarrow NA$
No match	$\text{match}(5, c(1,2)) \rightarrow NA$
Coercion failure	$\text{as.numeric("dog")} \rightarrow NA$
Bad factor level	assign value not in levels $\rightarrow NA$

Situation	Example
Nonexistent list element	<code>list()\$x → NULL</code>
Dropped in <code>c()</code>	<code>c(1, NULL, 3) → c(1, 3)</code>
<code>NULL</code> in math	<code>NULL + 1 → numeric(0)</code>
Length is 0	<code>length(NULL) → 0</code>

Situation	Example
Divide by zero	$1/0 \rightarrow \text{Inf}, -1/0 \rightarrow -\text{Inf}$
Log of zero	$\log(0) \rightarrow -\text{Inf}$
Inf in math	$\text{Inf} + 1 \rightarrow \text{Inf}$

Quick contrast

$0/0 \rightarrow \text{NaN}, 1/0 \rightarrow \text{Inf}, \text{NA}+1 \rightarrow \text{NA}, \text{NULL}+1 \rightarrow \text{numeric}()$
