Example Rmarkdown Notebook

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Matrix Algebra and Functions

There are five basic data structures in R: vectors, matrices, arrays, lists, and data.frames. We'll be going through each of these here, but if you want an in depth exploration of these I'd recommend Norman Matloff's *The Art of R Programming: A Tour of Statistical Software Design*.

Matrix basics

Up to this point, we've primarily *talked* about vectors. We've encountered other data types, but haven't used them. Vectors have length, but no width (they can only represent one variable at a time). Matrices are just collections of vectors (exactly like you learned in math camp). We can combine them by column using cbind, or by row, using rbind. We then access elements of matrix by matrix [row, column].

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vap <- voting.age.population <- c(3481823, 496387, 4582842, 2120139,26955438,3617942,26731
total.votes <- tv <- c(NA, 238307, 1553032, 780409,8899059,1586105, 1162391,258053, 122356
m1 <- cbind(vap, tv) # Combined by column
m2 <- rbind(vap, tv) # combined by row
m2[1,2] # first row, second column
##
      vap
## 496387
m1[,1] # the ith colum
                            4582842
                                     2120139 26955438
                                                        3617942
    [1]
         3481823
                    496387
                                                                  2673154
##
    [8]
          652189
                    472143 14085749 6915512
                                                995937
                                                        1073799
                                                                  9600372
                  2265860
                                                                  4242214
## [15]
         4732010
                            2068253
                                     3213141
                                               3188765
                                                        1033632
## [22]
         4997677
                  7620982
                            3908159
                                     2139918
                                               4426278
                                                         731365
                                                                 1321923
                            6598368
## [29]
         1870315
                  1012033
                                     1452962 14838076
                                                        6752018
                                                                   494923
## [36]
         8697456
                  2697855
                            2850525
                                     9612380
                                                824854
                                                        3303593
                                                                   594599
                            1797941
                                                                 1421717
## [43]
         4636679 17038979
                                      487900
                                               5841335
                                                        4876661
## [50]
         4257230
                    392344
m1[1:5,1:2] # a submatrix
##
                       t.v
             vap
## [1,]
         3481823
                       NA
## [2,]
          496387
                  238307
## [3,]
         4582842 1553032
## [4,]
         2120139
                  780409
## [5,] 26955438 8899059
m2[1,1:10]
    [1]
         3481823
                    496387
                           4582842
                                     2120139 26955438
                                                        3617942
##
    [8]
          652189
                    472143 14085749
```

```
m2[1:2, 1:10]
       [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9]
## vap 3481823 496387 4582842 2120139 26955438 3617942 2673154 652189 472143
## tv NA 238307 1553032 780409 8899059 1586105 1162391 258053 122356
## [,10]
## vap 14085749
## tv 4884544
m2[, 1:10] # same as previous line since there are only two rows.
        [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9]
## vap 3481823 496387 4582842 2120139 26955438 3617942 2673154 652189 472143
## tv
        NA 238307 1553032 780409 8899059 1586105 1162391 258053 122356
##
        [,10]
## vap 14085749
## tv 4884544
class(m2)
```

[1] "matrix"