

R Essential Operators & Functions

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1 Operators

Type	Operator	Description	Example Usage
Arithmetic	+	Addition	3 + 2 -> 5
	-	Subtraction	5 - 2 -> 3
	*	Multiplication	3 * 2 -> 6
	/	Division	6 / 2 -> 3
	^	Exponentiation	2 ^ 3 -> 8
	%%	Modulus (remainder of division)	5 %% 2 -> 1
Logical	%%/%	Integer Division	5 %/% 2 -> 2
	&	Element-wise logical AND	TRUE & FALSE -> FALSE
	\\	Element-wise logical OR	TRUE \\ FALSE -> TRUE
Comparison	!	Logical NOT	!TRUE -> FALSE
	==	Equal to	3 == 2 -> FALSE
	!=	Not equal to	3 != 2 -> TRUE
	<	Less than	3 < 2 -> FALSE
	<=	Less than or equal to	3 <= 2 -> FALSE
	>	Greater than	3 > 2 -> TRUE
Assignment	>=	Greater than or equal to	3 >= 2 -> TRUE
	<-	Assigns value to a variable (leftward)	x <- 3
	->	Assigns value to a variable (rightward)	3 -> x
Miscellaneous	=	Assigns value to a variable (less common)	x = 3
	%in%	Checks if an element belongs to a vector	3 %in% c(1, 2, 3) -> TRUE
	:	Generates a series of numbers	1:5 -> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

2 Mathematical Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Usage	Example Output
sum	sum(x)	Calculates the sum of values in x.	sum(c(1, 2, 3, 4))	10
mean	mean(x)	Calculates the mean (average) of values in x.	mean(c(1, 2, 3, 4))	2.5
median	median(x)	Calculates the median of values in x.	median(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5))	3
sd	sd(x)	Calculates the standard deviation of values in x.	sd(c(1, 2, 3, 4))	1.118034
abs	abs(x)	Calculates the absolute value of x.	abs(-3)	3
sqrt	sqrt(x)	Calculates the square root of x.	sqrt(16)	4
log	log(x, base)	Calculates the logarithm of x with the given base.	log(100, base = 10)	2
exp	exp(x)	Calculates the exponential of x.	exp(2)	7.389056
round	round(x, digits)	Rounds x to the specified number of digits.	round(3.14159, digits = 2)	3.14
ceiling	ceiling(x)	Rounds x up to the nearest integer.	ceiling(3.14)	4
floor	floor(x)	Rounds x down to the nearest integer.	floor(3.14)	3
min	min(x)	Finds the minimum value in x.	min(c(2, 4, 1, 6))	1
max	max(x)	Finds the maximum value in x.	max(c(2, 4, 1, 6))	6
range	range(x)	Finds the range (min and max) of x.	range(c(2, 4, 1, 6))	1, 6
IQR	IQR(x)	Calculates the interquartile range of x.	IQR(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5))	1.5
summary	summary(object)	Provides a concise summary of object x	summary(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5))	Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.

3 String Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Usage	Example Output
paste	paste(..., sep = " ")	Combines multiple strings or values.	paste("Hello", "World")	"Hello World"
paste0	paste0(...)	Combines multiple strings or values without space.	paste0("Hello", "World")	"HelloWorld"
toupper	toupper(x)	Converts characters in x to uppercase.	toupper("hello")	"HELLO"
tolower	tolower(x)	Converts characters in x to lowercase.	tolower("Hello")	"hello"
startsWith	startsWith(x, prefix)	Checks if the string x starts with the prefix.	startsWith("Hello World", "Hello")	TRUE

4 Data Structures

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Usage	Example Output
c	c(...)	Combines values into a vector or list.	c(1, 2, 3)	1, 2, 3
data.frame	data.frame(...)	Creates a data frame from vectors or lists.	data.frame(Name=c("Alice", "Bob"), Age=c(25, 30))	A data frame object
matrix	matrix(data, nrow, ncol)	Creates a matrix from data with specified rows and columns.	matrix(1:9, nrow = 3, ncol = 3)	A matrix object
str	str(object)	Displays the internal structure of an R object.	str(data.frame(x = 1:3, y = c("A", "B", "C")))	'data.frame': 3 obs. of 2 variables.

5 Data Manipulation Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Usage	Example Output
length	length(x)	Returns the length of vector x.	length(c(1, 2, 3, 4))	4
sort	sort(x)	Sorts the elements of vector x in ascending order.	sort(c(3, 1, 4, 1, 5))	1, 1, 3, 4, 5
order	order(x)	Returns the permutation needed to sort x.	order(c(3, 1, 4, 1, 5))	2, 4, 1, 3, 5
rank	rank(x)	Computes the ranks of elements in x.	rank(c(3, 1, 4, 1, 5))	4, 1, 5, 2, 3
unique	unique(x)	Returns the unique values in x.	unique(c(1, 2, 2, 3, 3))	1, 2, 3
cbind	cbind(...)	Combines vectors or data frames by column binding.	cbind(dataframe1, dataframe2)	Combined data frame
rbind	rbind(...)	Combines vectors or data frames by row binding.	rbind(dataframe1, dataframe2)	Combined data frame
rownames	rownames(x)	Retrieves or sets the row names of a matrix or data frame x.	rownames(dataframe)	Character vector of row names
colnames	colnames(x)	Retrieves or sets the column names of a matrix or data frame x.	colnames(dataframe)	Character vector of column names

6 Set Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Usage	Example Output
union	union(x, y)	Returns the union of sets x and y.	union(c(1, 2, 3), c(3, 4, 5))	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
intersect	intersect(x, y)	Returns the intersection of sets x and y.	intersect(c(1, 2, 3), c(3, 4, 5))	3
setdiff	setdiff(x, y)	Returns the set difference of sets x and y.	setdiff(c(1, 2, 3), c(3, 4, 5))	1, 2
setequal	setequal(x, y)	Checks if sets x and y are equal.	setequal(c(1, 2, 3), c(3, 2, 1))	TRUE

7 Apply and Sweep Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Usage	Example Output
apply	apply(X, MARGIN, FUN, ...)	Applies a function FUN to rows or columns of a matrix X.	apply(matrix(1:9, nrow = 3), 1, sum)	6, 15, 24
lapply	lapply(X, FUN, ...)	Applies a function FUN to each element of a list X.	lapply(list(1, 2, 3), function(x) x * 2)	2, 4, 6
sapply	sapply(X, FUN, ...)	Applies a function FUN to each element of a list X and simplifies the result.	sapply(list(1, 2, 3), function(x) x * 2)	2, 4, 6
mapply	mapply(FUN, ...)	Applies a function FUN to multiple lists or vectors in parallel.	mapply(function(x, y) x + y, c(1, 2, 3), c(10, 20, 30))	11, 22, 33
tapply	tapply(X, INDEX, FUN, ...)	Applies a function FUN to subsets of X specified by INDEX.	tapply(1:10, c(1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2), sum)	15, 40
sweep	sweep(X, MARGIN, STATS, FUN)	Sweeps through an array X and applies a function FUN to each element along the specified MARGIN while using STATS as the statistics array.		

8 Logical Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Usage	Example Output
is.element	is.element(x, y)	Checks if elements of x are in set y.	is.element(1, c(1, 2, 3))	TRUE
ifelse	ifelse(test, yes, no)	Returns yes if test is TRUE, no otherwise.	ifelse(2 > 1, "Yes", "No")	"Yes"
is.numeric	is.numeric(x)	Checks if x is of numeric type.	is.numeric(123)	TRUE
is.character	is.character(x)	Checks if x is of character type.	is.character("Hello")	TRUE
is.logical	is.logical(x)	Checks if x is of logical type.	is.logical(TRUE)	TRUE
is.factor	is.factor(x)	Checks if x is a factor.	is.factor(factor("A"))	TRUE
is.matrix	is.matrix(x)	Checks if x is a matrix.	is.matrix(matrix(1:6, nrow = 2))	TRUE
...				
is.null	is.null(x)	Checks if x is NULL.	is.null(NULL)	TRUE
is.na	is.na(x)	Checks for missing (NA) values in x.	is.na(c(1, NA, 3))	TRUE, TRUE, FALSE