

# Introduction to R

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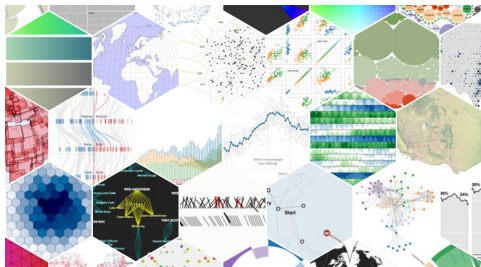


# What is ?

- S language, developed by R. Becker and J. Chambers in 1984
- GNU implementation of S 1992 by R. Ihaka and R. Gentleman in NZ
- great variety of packages covering all fields of statistics
- non-commercial use mostly for free

# What can do?

- Empirical modelling
- Visualisation
- Simulations
- Interactive analysis
- ...



## R help

```
1 help () #  
2 help(sin) # help for sin()  
3 ?sin # help for sin  
4 help.start() # HTML help  
5 library() # show installed libraries  
6 library(help="<package>") # or without ""  
7 help.search("sin")  
8 ?? sin # same as help.search("sin")
```

## R packages

```
1 # download and install  
2 install.packages("zooreg")  
3 # update local packages  
4 update.packages()  
5 # show installed libraries  
6 libraries()  
7 # load library  
8 library(name, lib.loc=[location])  
9 # load library in functions require () # return TRUE  
   or FALSE
```

## Arithmetic

```
1 2 + 3          # add
2 [1] 5
3 4 * 5 / 6      # multiply and divide
4 [1] 3.333333
5 7^8            # 7 to the 8th power
6 [1] 5764801
7 sqrt(2)        # square root
8 [1] 1.414214
9 exp(1)         # Euler's constant
10 [1] 2.718282
11 pi
12 [1] 3.141593
13 5 %/% 2        # 2; integer division
14 5 %% 2         # 1; modulo division
```

## Assignments

```
1 x <- 7*41/pi      # R2L assignment
2 x                  # show entries of x
3 [1] 91.35494
4
5 x = 7*41/pi        # equality assignment (R2L)
6 x
7 [1] 91.35494
8
9 7*41/pi -> x        # L2R
10 x
11 [1] 91.35494
```

## Object types

```
1 a <- 3; a           # integer
2 [1] 3
3
4 b <- pi; b          # double
5 [1] 3.141593
6
7 c <- "character"; c # alternative with '
8 [1] "character"
9
10 d <- (a < 10); d    # logical
11 [1] TRUE
```



## Logical functions

```
1 <      # smaller
2 <=     # smaller or equal
3 >      # bigger
4 >=     # bigger or equal
5 !=     # unequal
6 ==     # logical equal
7 !      # logical NOT (unary)
8 &      # logical AND (vector)
9 |      # logical OR (vector)
10 &&     # logical AND (no vector)
11 ||    # logical OR (no vector)
```

## Vectors

```
1 a = 1:3
2 b = 2:4
3 c(a,b)      # [1] 1 2 3 2 3 4
4 c(1,1:3)    # [1] 1 1 2 3
5 array(1,4)  # [1] 1 1 1 1; array(input, dim)
```

## More vectors

```
1 seq(1,3)           # [1] 1 2 3
2 seq(3)             # [1] 1 2 3
3 seq(1,2,by=0.1)    # [1] 1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5
4 seq(1,3,0.5)        # [1] 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3
5 seq(1,3,length.out = 4) # [1] 1.00 1.67 2.33 3.00
6 rep(1:4,2)          # [1] 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
7 rep(1:4,each = 2)    # [1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4
8 rep(c(7,9,3), 1:3)   # [1] 7 9 9 3 3 3
```

## More vectors

```
1 a <- c(2,3,1,4) # double vector [1] 2 3 1 4
2 length(a)       # [1] 4
3 rev(a)          # [1] 4 1
4 a[<i>]           # returns
5 a[1:2]          # [1] 2 3
6 a[-1]           # [1] 3 1 4
7 a[-c(1,2)]      # [1]
8 a[a < 3]        # [1] 1 2
9 which(a == 3)   # [1] 2
10 a > 1           # [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE
```

## More vectors

```
1 a <- letters [1:3]; a
2 [1] "a" "b" "c"
3
4 b <- LETTERS [1:3]; b
5 [1] "A" "B" "C"
6
7 c <- month.abb[1:6]; c
8 [1] "Jan" "Feb" "Mar" "Apr" "May" "Jun"
9
10 d <- month.name[1:12]; d
11 [1] "January" "February" "March" ...
```

## More vectors

```
1 a <- c(1,2,3,4) # double vector [1] 1 2 3 4
2 t(a) # returns d as row vector (transposes d), but
   is already a matrix
3      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
4 [1,]    1    2    3    4
5 t(t(a)) # column vector, is also matrix
6      [,1]
7 [1,]    1
8 [2,]    2
9 [3,]    3
10 [4,]    4
```

## Matrices

```
1 matrix(1:12, nrow=3)
2      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
3 [1,]    1    4    7   10
4 [2,]    2    5    8   11
5 [3,]    3    6    9   12
6 matrix(1:12, nrow=3, ncol=4, byrow = T)
7      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
8 [1,]    1    2    3    4
9 [2,]    5    6    7    8
10 [3,]    9   10   11   12
11 diag(1, nrow=2, ncol=2) # diagonal matrix
12      [,1] [,2]
13 [1,]    1    0
14 [2,]    0    1
```

## Merging vectors to matrices

```
1 x = 1:3
2 y = 4:6
3 rbind(x,y)
4      [,1] [,2] [,3]
5 x      1   2   3
6 y      4   5   6
7 cbind(x,y)
8      x y
9 [1,] 1 4
10 [2,] 2 5
11 [3,] 3 6
```



## Matrices: Size

```
1 x <- matrix(1:10, 2, 5)
2 dim(x)           # size of matrix x
3 col(x)           # column indices of ALL elements
4 row(x)           # row indices of ALL elements
5 x[<i>,<j>]        # extract i-th row and j-th column
6 x[row(x) == col(x)] # extract the diagonal
```

## Sums and products

```
1 x = matrix (1:20 ,4 ,5)
2 sum(x)
3 [1] 210
4 prod (x)
5 [1] 2.432902e+18
6 colSums(x)
7 [1] 10 26 42 58 74
8 rowSums(x)
9 [1] 45 50 55 60
10 rowMeans(x)
11 [1] 9 10 11 12
12 colMeans(x)
13 [1] 2.5 6.5 10.5 14.5 18.5
```

## Loops and conditions: FOR

```
1 for (i in 1:4){ print(i) }  
2  
3 for (i in letters[1:4]){ print(i) }  
4  
5 a <- numeric(400) # generate empty a of length 400  
6 for (i in 1:400){ a[i]=i } # fill a with 1:400  
7 # takes much longer than a <- 1:400
```

## Loops and conditions: WHILE

```
1 i <- 0
2 while(i<4){
3     i <- i+1
4     print(i)
5 }
```

## Loops and conditions: REPEAT

```
1 i <- 0;  
2 repeat{  
3     i <- i+1;  
4     print(i);  
5     if (i==4) break  
6 }
```

If no break is given, loops runs forever!

## Loops and conditions: IFELSE

`ifelse(boolean check, if-case, else-case)`

```
1 x <- c(6:-4)
2 sqrt(x) # gives warning
3 sqrt(ifelse(x >= 0, x, NA)) # no warning
```

## Functions

```
1 col.means <- function(input){  
2     n      = nrow(input)  
3     ones =  
4     return((rep(1,n) %*% input)/n)  
5 }  
6  
7 colMeans(matrix(1:12,3,4))  
8 col.means(matrix(1:12,3,4))
```

## Task

Write a function that calculates the **column means** of a dataset using the **for loop**.



## Date Time Types

Several DateTime Classes: POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date

POSIXlt: sec, min, hour, mday, mon, year, wday, yday

```
1 Sys.time() # clock time as POSIXct
2 date() # Date without a time
3 s = c("23.05.1984", "01.01.2000", "03.05.1256")
4 d = as.Date(s, "%d.%m.%Y")
5 difftime(Sys.time(), d)
6 format(d, "%Y")
7
8 dP = as.POSIXlt(d)
9 months(dP)
10 weekdays(dP)
11 quarters(dP)
```

## Load datasets

```
1 setwd("C:/...")
2 setwd("/Users/...")
3 data <- read.csv("name.csv", sep=",")      # CSV-file
4 data <- read.table("name.txt", sep="")     # txt-file
5 load("name.RData")                       # RData-file
```