

Vectors (part 2)

R Data Objects

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About

To make the best of the R language, you'll need a strong understanding of the basic **data types** and **data structures** and how to operate on them.

Creating Vectors

Numeric Vectors

Vectors of numeric sequences (in one-unit steps) can be created with the colon operator `:`

```
# positive integers: from 1 to 5
```

```
1:5
```

```
# negative integers: from -7 to -2
```

```
-7:-2
```

```
# decreasing integers: from 3 to -3
```

```
3:-3
```

```
# non-integers
```

```
-2.5:2.5
```

Numeric Vectors

More vectors of numeric sequences (not just one-unit step sequences) can be created with the function `seq()`

```
# sequences  
seq(from = 1, to = 5)  
seq(from = -3, to = 9)  
seq(from = -3, to = 9, by = 2)  
seq(from = -3, to = 3, by = 0.5)  
seq(from = 1, to = 20, length.out = 5)
```

Sequence generation

Two sequencing variants of `seq()` are `seq_along()` and `seq_len()`

- ▶ `seq_along()` returns a sequence of integers of the same length as its argument
- ▶ `seq_len()` generates a sequence from 1 to the value provided

Sequence generation

```
# some flavors  
flavors <- c("chocolate", "vanilla", "lemon")
```

```
# sequence of integers from flavors  
seq_along(flavors)
```

```
[1] 1 2 3
```

```
# sequence from 1 to 5  
seq_len(5)
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

Replicate elements

Another way to create vectors is with the replicating function `rep()` that allows you to create several repetition patterns.

You have to provide an input vector, and use one or more of the arguments `times`, `each` and `length.out`

```
rep(1, times = 5)
rep(c(2, 4, 6), times = 2)
rep(1:3, times = c(3, 2, 1))
rep(c(2, 4, 6), each = 2)
rep(c(2, 4, 6), length.out = 5)
rep(c(2, 4, 6), each = 2, times = 2)
```


Random Vectors

R provides a series of random number generation functions that can also be used to create numeric vectors, for example:

generator	distribution
<code>runif()</code>	uniform
<code>rnorm()</code>	normal
<code>rbinom()</code>	binomial
<code>rbeta()</code>	beta
<code>rgamma()</code>	gamma
<code>rgeom()</code>	geometric

Check `?Distributions` to see the list of all the available distributions

Random Vectors

```
runif(n = 5, min = 0, max = 1)
```

```
rnorm(n = 5, mean = 0, sd = 1)
```

```
rbinom(n = 5, size = 1, prob = 0.5)
```

```
rbeta(n = 5, shape1 = 0.5, shape2 = 0.5)
```

Sampled Vectors

There's also the function `sample()` that generates random samples (with and without replacement)

```
# shuffle  
sample(1:10, size = 10)  
  
# sample with replacement  
values <- c(2, 3, 6, 7, 9)  
sample(values, size = 20, replace = TRUE)
```

Vector Functions

Basic Vector Functions

- ▶ `length()`: number of elements in a vector
- ▶ `sort()`: arranges elements
- ▶ `rev()`: reverses elements
- ▶ `order()`: index of arranged vector
- ▶ `unique()`: gives unique elements
- ▶ `duplicated()`: indicates which elements are duplicated

Basic Vector Functions

```
# numeric vector  
num <- c(9, 4, 5, 1, 4, 1, 4, 7)
```

```
# how many elements?  
length(num)
```

```
[1] 8
```

```
# sorting elements  
sort(num)
```

```
[1] 1 1 4 4 4 5 7 9
```

```
sort(num, decreasing = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 9 7 5 4 4 4 1 1
```

Basic Vector Functions

```
# reversed elements
```

```
rev(num)
```

```
[1] 7 4 1 4 1 5 4 9
```

```
# position of sorted elements
```

```
order(num)
```

```
[1] 4 6 2 5 7 3 8 1
```

```
order(num, decreasing = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 1 8 3 2 5 7 4 6
```

Basic Vector Functions

```
# unique elements
```

```
unique(num)
```

```
[1] 9 4 5 1 7
```

```
# duplicated elements
```

```
duplicated(num)
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE FALSE
```

```
num[duplicated(num)]
```

```
[1] 4 1 4
```


Math Operations

Arithmetic Operators

operation	usage
unary +	+ x
unary -	- x
sum	x + y
subtraction	x - y
multiplication	x * y
division	x / y
power	x ^ y
modulo (remainder)	x %% y
integer division	x %/% y

Arithmetic Operators

+2

-2

2 + 3

2 - 3

2 * 3

2 / 3

2 ^ 3

2 %% 3

2 %/% 3

Math Functions

- ▶ `abs()`, `sign()`, `sqrt()`
- ▶ `ceiling()`, `floor()`, `trunc()`, `round()`, `signif()`
- ▶ `cummax()`, `cummin()`, `cumprod()`, `cumsum()`
- ▶ `log()`, `log10()`, `log2()`, `log1p()`
- ▶ `sin()`, `cos()`, `tan()`
- ▶ `acos()`, `acosh()`, `asin()`, `asinh()`, `atan()`, `atanh()`
- ▶ `exp()`, `expm1()`
- ▶ `gamma()`, `lgamma()`, `digamma()`, `trigamma()`

Math Functions

```
abs(c(-1, -0.5, 3, 0.5))
```

```
[1] 1.0 0.5 3.0 0.5
```

```
sign(c(-1, -0.5, 3, 0.5))
```

```
[1] -1 -1  1  1
```

```
round(3.14159, 1)
```

```
[1] 3.1
```

```
log10(10)
```

```
[1] 1
```

Comparison Operators

Operator	Description
<code>x == y</code>	equal
<code>x != y</code>	not equal
<code>x < y</code>	less than
<code>x > y</code>	greater than
<code>x <= y</code>	less than or equal
<code>x >= y</code>	greater than or equal

Comparison operators produce logical values

Comparison Operators

```
5 > 1  
5 < 7  
5 > 10  
5 >= 5  
5 <= 5  
5 == 5  
5 != 3  
5 != 5
```

Comparison Operators

```
TRUE > FALSE
```

```
TRUE < FALSE
```

```
TRUE == TRUE
```

```
TRUE != FALSE
```

```
TRUE != TRUE
```


Comparison Operators

Comparison Operators are also vectorized

```
values <- -3:3
```

```
values > 0
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

```
values < 0
```

```
[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

```
values == 0
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

Comparison operators and recycling rule

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 2
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE
```

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) >= 2
```

```
[1] FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE
```

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) < 2
```

```
[1]  TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

Comparison operators and recycling rule

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) <= 2
```

```
[1] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) == 2
```

```
[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

```
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) != 2
```

```
[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

Comparison operators

When comparing vectors of different types, one is coerced to the type of the other, the (decreasing) order of precedence being character, complex, numeric, integer, logical

```
'5' == 5
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
5L == 5
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
5 + 0i == 5
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

Comparison operators

In addition to comparison operators, we have the functions `all()` and `any()`

```
all(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 0)
```

```
all(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 1)
```

```
any(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) < 0)
```

```
any(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 4)
```

Logical Operators

Operator	Description
<code>!x</code>	NOT
<code>x & y</code>	AND (elementwise)
<code>x && y</code>	AND (1st element)
<code>x y</code>	OR (elementwise)
<code>x y</code>	OR (1st element)
<code>xor(x, y)</code>	exclusive OR

Logical Operators

`!TRUE`

`!FALSE`

`TRUE & TRUE`

`TRUE & FALSE`

`FALSE & FALSE`

`TRUE | TRUE`

`TRUE | FALSE`

`FALSE | FALSE`

`xor(TRUE, FALSE)`

`xor(TRUE, TRUE)`

`xor(FALSE, FALSE)`

Logical and Comparison Operators

Many operations involve using logical and comparison operators:

```
x <- 5
```

```
(x > 0) & (x < 10)
```

```
(x > 0) | (x < 10)
```

```
(-2 * x > 0) & (x/2 < 10)
```

```
(-2 * x > 0) | (x/2 < 10)
```


Summary Statistic Functions

Operator	Description
<code>max(x)</code>	maximum
<code>min(x)</code>	minimum
<code>range(x)</code>	range values
<code>mean(x)</code>	mean
<code>median(x)</code>	median
<code>var(x)</code>	variance
<code>sd(x)</code>	standard deviation
<code>IQR(x)</code>	interquartile range

Summary Statistic Functions

```
x <- 1:7  
max(x)  
min(x)  
range(x)  
mean(x)  
var(x)  
sd(x)  
prod(x)  
sum(x)
```

`which()` Functions

- ▶ `which()`: which indices are TRUE
- ▶ `which.min()`: location of first minimum
- ▶ `which.max()`: location of first maximum

which() Functions

```
(values <- -3:3)
```

```
[1] -3 -2 -1  0  1  2  3
```

```
# logical comparison
```

```
values > 0
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE
```

```
# positions (i.e. indices) of positive values
```

```
which(values > 0)
```

```
[1] 5 6 7
```

which() Functions

```
# indices of various comparisons
```

```
which(values > 0)
```

```
[1] 5 6 7
```

```
which(values < 0)
```

```
[1] 1 2 3
```

```
which(values == 0)
```

```
[1] 4
```

which() Functions

```
# logical comparison  
values > 0
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE
```

```
# logical subsetting  
values[values > 0]
```

```
[1] 1 2 3
```

```
# positions of positive values  
which(values > 0)
```

```
[1] 5 6 7
```

```
# numeric subsetting  
values[which(values > 0)]
```

```
[1] 1 2 3
```

which() Functions

```
which.max(values)
```

```
[1] 7
```

```
which(values == max(values))
```

```
[1] 7
```

```
which.min(values)
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
which(values == min(values))
```

```
[1] 1
```

Set Operations

Functions to perform set union, intersection, (asymmetric!) difference, equality and membership on two vectors

- ▶ `union(x, y)`
- ▶ `intersect(x, y)`
- ▶ `setdiff(x, y)`
- ▶ `setequal(x, y)`
- ▶ `is.element(el, set)`
- ▶ `%in%` operator

Set Operations

```
x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

```
y <- c(2, 4, 6)
```

```
union(x, y)
```

```
intersect(x, y)
```

```
setdiff(x, y)
```

```
setequal(x, y)
```

```
setequal(c(4, 6, 2), y)
```

```
is.element(1, x)
```

```
is.element(6, x)
```

```
3 %in% x
```

```
3 %in% y
```

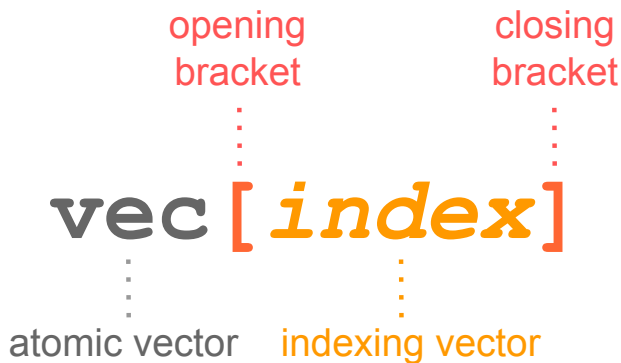
Vector Manipulation

Subsetting: Bracket Notation

opening bracket closing bracket

`vec` `[index]`

atomic vector indexing vector



The diagram illustrates the components of the R subsetting notation `vec[index]`. The word `vec` is in a dark grey, monospace font. Above the opening square bracket `[` is the text "opening bracket" in red, with a vertical red dotted line connecting it to the bracket. Above the closing square bracket `]` is the text "closing bracket" in red, with a vertical red dotted line connecting it to the bracket. Between the brackets is the word *index* in an orange, italicized, monospace font. Below `vec` is the text "atomic vector" in dark grey, with a vertical dark grey dotted line connecting it to `vec`. Below *index* is the text "indexing vector" in orange, with a vertical orange dotted line connecting it to *index*.

Bracket Notation System

- ▶ To extract values from R objects use brackets: []
- ▶ Inside the brackets specify a vector of indices
- ▶ Vector of indices can be of type numeric (integer or double), logical, and sometimes character

Indexing

Consider the following vector `x`

```
# some vector  
x <- c(2, 4, 6, 8)  
  
# adding names  
names(x) <- letters[1:4]  
  
x
```

```
a b c d  
2 4 6 8
```

Numeric Indexing

first element

x[1]

a

2

second element

x[2]

b

4

Numeric Indexing

```
# last element  
x[length(x)]
```

```
d  
8
```

```
# recall that first position is 1  
x[0]
```

```
named numeric(0)
```

Numeric Indexing

```
# first 3 elements
```

```
x[1:3]
```

```
a b c
```

```
2 4 6
```

```
# non-consecutive elements
```

```
x[c(1, 3)]
```

```
a c
```

```
2 6
```


Numeric Indexing

```
# different order
```

```
x[c(3, 2, 4, 1)]
```

```
c b d a
```

```
6 4 8 2
```

```
# different order (and repetition)
```

```
x[c(3, 2, 4, 1, 1, 1)]
```

```
c b d a a a
```

```
6 4 8 2 2 2
```

Numeric Indexing

Negative numbers indicate exclusion

```
# exclude 2nd element
```

```
x[-2]
```

```
a c d
```

```
2 6 8
```

```
# exclude non-consecutive elements
```

```
x[-c(1, 3)]
```

```
b d
```

```
4 8
```

Logical Indexing (aka logical subsetting)

You can also use logical index vectors

```
# first element  
x[c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE)]
```

```
a  
2
```

```
# exclude first element  
x[c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE)]
```

```
b c d  
4 6 8
```

Note: you won't typically be typing logical vectors like in these examples; instead you'll be using logical vectors that result from logical operators or from comparison operators

Logical Indexing (aka logical subsetting)

Logical subsetting is extremely powerful

```
# elements equal to 2  
x[x == 2]
```

```
a  
2
```

```
# elements different to 2  
x[x != 2]
```

```
b c d  
4 6 8
```

Logical Indexing (aka logical subsetting)

```
# elements greater than 1
```

```
x[x > 1]
```

```
a b c d
```

```
2 4 6 8
```

```
# greater than 1 and less than or equal to 3
```

```
x[x > 1 & x <= 3]
```

```
a
```

```
2
```

Logical Indexing (aka logical subsetting)

```
# try this
```

```
x[TRUE]
```

```
# and this
```

```
x[FALSE]
```

```
# what about this?
```

```
x[as.logical(c(0, 1, pi, -10))]
```

Character Indexing (aka logical subsetting)

You can use a character index vector as long as `x` has named elements:

```
# element named "a"  
x["a"]
```

a

2

```
# elements named "b" and "d"  
x[c("b", "d")]
```

b d

4 8

Character Indexing (aka logical subsetting)

You can use a character index vector as long as `x` has named elements:

```
# repeated elements  
x[rep("a", 5)]
```

```
a a a a a  
2 2 2 2 2
```


More Indexing

This is less common but possible:

```
x[-1][2:3]
```

c d

6 8

```
x[-length(x)][-2][2]
```

c

6

Double Brackets

Double Bracket Notation

2 opening
brackets

2 closing
brackets

`vec` `[[ind]]`

atomic vector

length-one vector

Double Brackets

You can also use double brackets `[[]]` but in this case only to extract a **single element**

```
x <- c(a = 2, b = 4, c = 6, d = 8)
x
```

```
a b c d
2 4 6 8
```

```
x[[2]]
```

```
[1] 4
```

```
x[["a"]]
```

```
[1] 2
```

Double Brackets

With double brackets, you **cannot** pass an index vector of length greater than one

```
x[[1:2]]
```

Error in x[[1:2]] :

attempt to select more than one element in vectorIndex