

## ## Data Types in R

```
# Types(Basic)
# character
# numeric (real numbers)
# integer
# complex (i.e. 1.4i)
# logical (TRUE/FALSE)
```

## ## Most basic object is a vector

```
# a Vector can only contains onjects of the same
class
# one exception is the list that is represented as a
vecotr but allows for
# different object classes - i.e. list(1, 'Hi',
TRUE, 4.5i)
```

```
# empty vectors can be created using the vector()
function.
```

```
# Numbers are generally treated as Numeric Objects
(i.e. double precision real numbers)
```

```
# If you explicitely want an integet you need to
specify it my adding
```

```
# an L before the number i.e. L4
```

```
# Special Numbers Inf amnd -Inf i.e.  $1/0 == \text{Inf}$   $1 / \text{Inf} == 0$ 
```

```
# NaN is undefined number (not a number) i.e.  $0 / 0 == \text{NaN}$ 
```

```
#. also used for mising numbers (more on this later)
```

## ## Attributes:

```

# names, dimnames

# dimensions ( e.g. matrices, arrays)

# class

# length

# Other user defined attributes / metadata

# attributes of an object can be accessed by using the
  attributes() function.

# the c() function
x <- c(0.5, 0.6)          ## numeric
x <- c(TRUE, FALSE)      ## logical
x <- c(T, F)             ## logical
x <- c("a", "b", "c").   ## character
x <- 9:29                 ## integer
x <- c(1+0i, 2+4i)        ## complex

#####
##
## Functions
##

myfunc <- function(x, y) {
  x * y
}

# goes through each x by y
myfunc(10:14,5)

```

```
# [1] 50 66 84 104 126
```

```
# goes through each x and y and multiplies them, ranges  
must be the same size
```

```
myfunc(10:14,5:9)
```

```
# [1] 50 66 84 104 126
```

```
#####
```

```
# vector
```

```
x <- vector("numeric", length = 10)
```

```
x
```

```
# [1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

```
# Mixing Objects (bring to least common denominator)
```

```
y <- c(1.7, "a")      # create two strings "1.7" and "a"
```

```
y <- c(TRUE, 2)       # created two numbers 1 and 2
```

```
y <- c("a", TRUE)     # creates two strings "a" and "TRUE"
```

```
# Explicit. Coercion
```

```
x <- 0:6
```

```
x
```

```
# [1] 0 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

```
class(x)
```

```
# [1] "integer"
```

```
as.number(x)
```

```
# Error in as.number(x) : could not find function  
"as.number"
```

```
as.numeric(x)
```

```
# [1] 0 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

```
as.logical(x)
```

```
# [1] FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
as.character(x)
# [1] "0" "1" "2" "3" "4" "5" "6"
# as.complex(x)
[1] 0+0i 1+0i 2+0i 3+0i 4+0i 5+0i 6+0i
```

```
x <- c("a", "b", "c")
x
# [1] "a" "b" "c"
as.numeric(x)
# [1] NA NA NA
# Warning message:
# NAs introduced by coercion
as.logical(x)
# [1] NA NA NA
as.complex(x)
# [1] NA NA NA
# Warning message:
# NAs introduced by coercion
as.complex(x)
# [1] NA NA NA
# Warning message:
# NAs introduced by coercion
```

```
# Lists
x <- list(1, "a", TRUE, 0+4i)
x
# [[1]]
# [1] 1
#
# [[2]]
# [1] "a"
#
# [[3]]
```

```
# [1] TRUE
#
# [[4]]
# [1] 0+4i
```

```
## matrices
```

```
m <- matrix(nrow = 2, ncol = 3)
m
#      [,1] [,2] [,3]
# [1,]  NA  NA  NA
# [2,]  NA  NA  NA
dim(m)
# [1] 2 3
```

```
attributes(m)
# $dim
# [1] 2 3
```

```
m <- matrix(1:12, nrow = 3, ncol = 4)
m
#      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
# [1,]    1    4    7   10
# [2,]    2    5    8   11
# [3,]    3    6    9   12
```

```
m <- matrix(1:12, nrow = 4, ncol = 3)
m
#      [,1] [,2] [,3]
# [1,]    1    5    9
# [2,]    2    6   10
# [3,]    3    7   11
# [4,]    4    8   12
```

```
# create a matrix by creating the dimension attribute on  
a vector
```

```
# first create a vector of 10 numbers
```

```
m <- 1:10
```

```
m
```

```
# [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
# now apply the dimension attribute of the vector to  
create (transform) a matrix
```

```
dim(m) <- c(2, 5)
```

```
m
```

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

```
# [1,]    1    3    5    7    9
```

```
# [2,]    2    4    6    8   10
```

```
# common way to make a matrix - using bind (rbind or  
cbind)
```

```
x <- 1:3
```

```
y <- 10:12
```

```
cbind(x, y)
```

```
#      x  y
```

```
# [1,] 1 10
```

```
# [2,] 2 11
```

```
# [3,] 3 12
```

```
rbind(x, y)
```

```
#      [,1] [,2] [,3]
```

```
# x      1    2    3
```

```
# y     10   11   12
```

```
## Data Type Factors
```

```
# factor are for categorical fdata (ordered and
  unordered)
# unordered (male, female)
# ordered (High, Medium, Low)

# Modeling functions (more about these later) lm() and
  glm() uses factors
```

```
x <- factor(c('yes', 'no', 'yes', 'yes', 'no'))
x
# [1] yes no  yes yes no
# Levels: no yes
```

```
# table to show number of each frequency of the levels
table(x)
# x
# no yes
# 2 3
```

```
# unclass removed the class showing the underlying data
  stored without the labels
unclass(x)
# [1] 2 1 2 2 1
# attr("levels")
# [1] "no" "yes"
```

```
attr(x,"levels")
# [1] "no" "yes"
```

```
# changing the order of the levels
# note: the default order is based on the alphabetical
  order of the items
# (no is before yes)
```

```
x <- factor(c('yes', 'no', 'yes', 'yes', 'no'),
  levels = c("yes", "no"))
x
# [1] yes no  yes yes no
# Levels: yes no
```

## ## Data Type - Missing Values

# missing values are denoted by NA and NaN undefined mathematical operations.

# is.na() is used to test objects if they are NA

# is.nan() is used to test for NaN

# NA values have a class also, they are integer NA, character NA etc.

# Nan value is also a NA but a NA is not an Nan

```
x <- c(1, 2, NA, 10, 3)
is.na(x)
# [1] FALSE FALSE  TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

```
# so NA is not a NaN
is.nan(x)
# [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

```
x <- c(1, 2, NaN, NA, 3)
# no the NaN and the NA are NA's
is.na(x)
# FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE FALSE
```



```
# but here only the NaN is an Nan and the NA is not an  
NaN
```

```
is.nan(x)
```

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

```
## Data Types - Data Frames
```

```
# Used to store tabular data
```

```
# Its a speial type of list having each element hte  
same length
```

```
# Each element of the list if effectivly a column and  
the length of each element
```

```
# is the number of rows
```

```
# unlice mactrices , data frames can store different  
types of objects in the
```

```
# column (like lists) while mtrices must have every  
element the same class
```

```
# Data frames also have special attributes called  
row.names
```

```
# Data frames are usually created by calling  
read.table() or read.csv()
```

```
# Can be converted to a matric by calling data.matrix()
```

```
# Can also be freatce using data.frame()
```

```
x <- data.frame( foo = 1:4, bar = c(T, T, F, F))
```

```
x
```

```
#   foo   bar  
# 1    1  TRUE  
# 2    2  TRUE  
# 3    3 FALSE  
# 4    4 FALSE
```

```
nrow(x)
```

```
# [1] 4
```

```
ncol(x)
```

```
# [1] 2
```

## Data Types - The Names Attribute

```
x <- 1:3
```

```
x
```

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

```
names(x)
```

```
# NULL
```

```
names(x) <- c('foo', 'bar', 'norf')
```

```
names(x)
```

```
# [1] "foo"  "bar"  "norf"
```

```
names(x) <- c('One', 'Second', 'Last')
```

```
names(x)
```

```
# [1] "One"    "Second" "Last"
```

```
# List can also have names
```

```
x <- list(a = 1, b = 2, c = 3)
```

```
x
```

```
# $a
```

```
# [1] 1
```

```
#
```

```
# $b
```

```
# [1] 2
```

```
#
```

```
# $c
```

```
# [1] 3
```

```
names(x) <- c('One', 'Second', 'Last')
```

```
x
```

```
# $One
```

```
# [1] 1
```

```
#
```

```
# $Second
```

```
# [1] 2
```

```
#
```

```
# $Last
```

```
# [1] 3
```

```
# matrices can have names (can be set using dimnames())
```

```
m <- matrix(1:4, nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
```

```
m
```

```
#      [,1] [,2]
```

```
# [1,]    1    3
# [2,]    2    4
```

```
# assing it using a list where the fist element is the
# row names and the second element is the column names
```

```
dimnames(m) <- list(c("a", "b"), c("c", "d"))
```

```
m
```

```
#    c d
# a 1 3
# b 2 4
```

```
##
```

```
## Summary Data Types
```

```
##
```

```
# atomic classes: numeric, logical character, integer,
# complex \
```

```
# vectors, lists
```

```
# factors
```

```
# missing values
```

```
# data frames
```

```
# names
```

```
##
```

```
## Reading Tabular Data
```

```
##
```

```
## Reading data
```

```
# - read,table, read.csv for reading tabular data
```

```
# - readLines, for reading lines of a text file
```

```
# - source, for reading R code file (invers of dump)
```

```
# - dget, for reading in R code file (inverse of dput)
```

```
# - load, for reading in saved workspaces
```

```
# - unserialize, for reading a R objects in a binary  
form
```

```
## Writing Data
```

```
# there are analogous functions for writing data to  
files
```

```
# - write.table
```

```
# - writeLines
```

```
# - dump (invers of source)
```

```
# - dput (inverse of dget)
```

```
# - save
```

```
# - serialize
```

```
## Reading Data Files with read.table
# one of the most commonly used functions for reading
  Data
# it has a few important arguments:

# - file, the name of the file, or a connection

# - header, logical including if the file has a header
  line

# sep, a string indicating how the columns are
  separated

# colClasses, a character vector indicating the class
  of each column in the dataset

# nrow, the number of rows in the dataset

# comment.char, a character string indicating the
  comment character

# skip, the number of lines to skip from the beginning

# stringsAsFactors, should character variables be
  coded as factors?.
# (true by default) *whats this*

# example
data <- read.table("foo.txt")

## R will automatically
```

```
# - skip lines that begin with the #  
  
# - figure out how many rows there are (and how much  
memory needs to be allocated)  
  
# - figure what type of variable is in each column of  
the table  
# Note: telling R all these things directly makes R  
run faster and more efficiently  
  
# (for read.table) assumes header = false and sep is a  
space  
# read.csv is identical to read.table except that the  
default separator is  
# a comma
```

```
##  
## Reading Large Tables  
##
```

```
# read the help page on read.table  
?read.table
```

```
# make a rough estimate of how much memory is required  
to read the file  
# if its larger than the amount of ram you have, we  
need to look at a  
# different approach
```

```

# set comment.char = "" to tell read.table to read line
# that otherwise
# would be treated as a comment line.

# *** Important ***
# colClasses is you know the data types you can specify
# it here and this could
# double the speed of you read.table
#

# a quick and dirty way to get the datatypes is to look
# at the start of the file
# get the class information
# read the full file with the classes information
(colClasses =)
initial <- read.table("readtable.txt", nrow = 100)
classes sapply(initial, class) # looping over each of
the columns

# and calling the class
function
tabAll <- read.table("datatable.txt",
  colClasses = classes)

# nrow doesn't make R run faster but it does help to
# reduce the memory that's used.

##
## Know Thy System
##

# in general, when using R with larger datasets, it's

```



```
# useful to know a few thgins about the system.

# - How much memory is available?

# - What other applications are in use?

# - Are there otehr users login intro the same system?

# - What operating system?

# - Is the OS 32 or 64 bit?
```

## ## Calculating Memory Requirements

```
# I have a data frame with 1,500,000 rows and 120
  columns, all of which are numeric data.
# Roughly how much memory is required to store this
  data frame?
```

```
# 1,500,000 x 120 x 8 bytes/numeric
```

```
# = 1440000000
```

```
# = 1440000000/2(20) bytes/MB
```

```
# = 1,373.29 MB1.34 GB
```

```
##
```

```
## Textual Data Formats: dput() and dump()
```

```
##
```

# - Dumping and dputting are useful because the  
resulting textual format  
# is editable and in the case of corruption  
potentially recoverable

# - Unlike writing out a table or csv, dump and dput  
preserve the  
# metadata (sacrificing some readability), so that  
another user  
# doesn't have to specify it all over again.

# - Textual formats can work much better with version  
control  
# programs like subversion or git which can only track  
changes  
# meaningfully in the text files.

# - Textual formats can be longer-lived; if there is  
corruption  
# somewhere in the file, it can be easier to fix the  
problem

# - Textual formats adhere to the "Unix philosophy"

# - Downside: the format is not very space-efficient

##

## dput-ting R Objects

##

# Another way to pass data around is by deparsing the R  
object with dput  
# and reading it back in using dget.

```
y <- data.frame(a = 1, b = "a")
dput(y)
# ## dput-ting R Objects
```

```
# Another way to pass data around is by deparsing the R
# object with dput
# and resding it back in using dget.
```

```
# structure(list(a = 1, b = "a"), class = "data.frame",
# .    row.names = c(NA, -1L))
```

```
dput(y, file = "y.R")
new.y <- dget("y.R")
new.y
#   a b
# 1 1 a
```

```
## Dumping R Objects
```

```
# Multiple objects can be deparsed using the dump
# function
# and read back using source.
```

```
x <- "foo"
y <- data.frame(a = 1, b = "a")
dump(c("x", "y"), file = "data.R")
rm(x, y)
source("data.R")
y
#   a b
# 1 1 a

x
```

```
# [1] "foo"x
```

```
## Interfaces to the Outside World
```

```
# Data are read in using connection interfaces,  
Connections can be made to  
#     files (most common) or to other more exotic  
things
```

```
# file, opens a connection to a file
```

```
# gzfile, opens a connection to a file compressed with  
gzip
```

```
# bzfile, opens a connection to a file compressed with  
bzip2
```

```
# url, opens a connection to a webpage
```

```
# File Connections
```

```
str(file)
```

```
# function (description = "", open = "", blocking =  
TRUE,
```

```
#     encoding = getOption("encoding"), raw = FALSE,  
#     method = getOption("url.method", "default"))
```

```
# - description is the name of the File
```

```
# - open is a code indicating
```

```
# - "r" read only
# - "w" writing (and initializing a new file)
# - "a" appending
# - "rb", "wb", "ab" reading, writing, or appending
# in binary mode (Windows)
```

```
# Connections
# in general, connections are powerful tools that
# let you navigate file or other external objects,
# in practice, we often don't need to deal with the
# connection directly
```

```
con <- file("foo.txt", "r")
data <- read.csv(con)
close(con)
```

```
# is the same as
```

```
data <- read.csv("foo.txt")
```

```
# no con is not useful in the above, however
```

```
# Reading Lines of a Text File
```

```
con <- gzfile("words.gz", "r")
x <- readLines(con, 10)
x
# [1] "1010"          "10-point"      "10th"          "11-point"
# [5] "12-point"      "16-point"      "18-point"      "1st"
# [9] "2"             "20-point"
close(con)
```

```
# writeLines takes a character vector and writes each  
# element one line at a time to a text file
```

```
## Read direct from Web Site
```

```
# this might take time  
con <- url("https://jhsph.edu", "r")  
r <- readLines(con,50)  
head(r)  
close(con)
```

```
##
```

```
## Subsetting - Basics
```

```
##
```

```
# There are a number of operations that can be  
# used to extra subsets of R objects.
```

- `[` always returns an object of the same class as the original;  
can be used to select more than one element (there is one exception)
- `[[` is used to extract elements of a list or a data frame;  
it can only be used to extract a single element and the class  
of the returned object will not necessarily be a list of a data frame

- `$` is used to extract elements of a list or data frame by name;  
semantics are similar to that of `[[`.

```
x <- c("a", "b", "c", "c", "d", "d")
```

```
x
```

```
x[1]
```

```
# [1] "a"
```

```
x[2]
```

```
# [1] "b"
```

```
x[1:4]
```

```
# [1] "a" "b" "c" "c"
```

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

```
# [1] "b" "c" "c" "d" "d"
```

```
u <- x > "a"
```

```
u
```

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

```
x[u]
```

```
# [1] "b" "c" "c" "d" "d"
```

```
# so two types of index were used above,
```

```
# 1 is the numeric index
```

```
# 2 is the logical index
```

```
##
```

```
## Subsetting a list
```

```
##
```

```
x <- list(foo = 1:4, bar = 0.6)
# returns a list that contains a sequence **
x[1]
# $foo
# [1] 1 2 3 4

# returns just the sequence **
x[[1]]
# [1] 1 2 3 4

x$bar
# [1] 0.6

# same as x$bar
x[["bar"]]
# [1] 0.6

# return a list with the element bar in it **
x["bar"]
# $bar
# [1] 0.6

# Extract multiple elements of a list
x <- list(foo = 1:4, bar = 0.6, baz = "hello")
x[c(1, 3)]

# $foo
# [1] 1 2 3 4
#
# $baz
# [1] "hello"
```



```
# you *cannot* use the [[]] or $ when you want to
extract multiple elements
# from a list
```

```
# Dynamic access
x <- list(foo = 1:4, bar = 0.6, baz = "hello")
# assigning the column name
name = "foo"
x[[name]]          # computed index
# [1] 1 2 3 4
```

```
# assigning another column name
name = "baz"
x[[name]]
# [1] "hello"
```

```
x$name # element name does not exist!
# NULL
```

```
x$foo # element foo does exist.
# [1] 1 2 3 4
```

```
##
## Subsetting Nested Elements of a list
```

```
# The [] can take an integer sequence
```

```
x <- list(a = list(10, 12, 14), b = c(3.14, 2.81))
x[[c(1,3)]]
# [1] 14
```

```
# same as x[[c(1,3)]]
x[[1]][[3]]
```

```
# [1] 14
```

```
x[[c(2,1)]]  
# [1] 3.14
```

```
##  
## SubSetting Matrices  
##
```

```
# Matrices can be subsetted in the usual way with  
# (i,j)  
# type indices.
```

```
x <- matrix(1:6, 2, 3) # num elements , the rows, the  
# columns
```

```
x  
#      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
# [1,]    1    3    5  
# [2,]    2    4    6
```

```
x[1, 2]  
# [1] 3
```

```
x[2,1]  
# [1] 2
```

```
# Indices can also be missing
```

```
x[1, ]  
# [1] 1 3 5
```

```
x[, 2]  
# [1] 3 4
```

```
# By default, when a single element of a matrix is  
# retrieved, it is returned  
# as a vector of length 1 rather than a 1 x 1 matrix.  
# This behavior can be turned off by setting  
# drop = FALSE
```

```
x <- matrix(1:6, 2, 3)  
x[1,2]  
# [1] 3
```

```
# using drop = FALSE to return a matrix instead of a  
# vector
```

```
x[1, 2, drop = FALSE]  
#      [,1]  
# [1,]    3
```

```
# drop is TRUE by default and drops the dimension so  
# returning a 1  
# dimension object instead of a 2 dimension object  
# you can disable this using the drop = FALSE argument.
```

```
# Similarly, subsetting a single column or a single row  
# will give you a vector,  
# now a matrix (by default)
```

```
x <- matrix(1:6, 2, 3)  
# returns a vector (usually this is what you want)  
x[1, ]
```

```
# [1] 1 3 5
```

```
# but if you don't
```

```
# use drop = FALSE to get the matrix
```

```
x[1, , drop = FALSE]
```

```
#      [,1] [,2] [,3]
```

```
# [1,]    1    3    5
```

```
##
```

```
## Subsetting - Partial Matching
```

```
##
```

```
# Partial matching of names is allowed with [[ and $.
```

```
x <- list(aardvark = 1:5)
```

```
x$a
```

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

```
# so $ does partial matching
```

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

```
# NULL
```

```
# so [[]] does not partial matching by default, we can  
change this with
```

```
#   exact = FALSE]
```

```
x[["a", exact = FALSE]]
```

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

```

##
## Subsetting - Removing Missing Values
##

# A Common task is to remove missing values (NAs)

x <- c(1, 2, NA, 4, NA, 5)
bad <- is.na(x)
# output the element that are not NA **
x[!bad]
# [1] 1 2 4 5

# bad above is a logical vector having TRUE where the
# value is NA otherwise FALSE
bad
# [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE

## Removing NA Values

# What if there are multiple things and you want to
# take
# the subset with no missing values?

** Important / Clever **

x <- c(1, 2, NA, 4, NA, 5)
y <- c("a", "b", NA, "d", NA, "f")

# only where both element in x and y are not NA then
# TRUE otherwise FALSE
good <- complete.cases(x, y)

```

```
good
# [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE
```

```
x[good]
# [1] 1 2 4 5
```

```
y[good]
# [1] "a" "b" "d" "f"
```

```
airquality[1:6, ]
#   Ozone Solar.R Wind Temp Month Day
# 1    41    190  7.4   67     5   1
# 2    36    118  8.0   72     5   2
# 3    12    149 12.6   74     5   3
# 4    18    313 11.5   62     5   4
# 5    NA     NA 14.3   56     5   5
# 6    28     NA 14.9   66     5   6
```

```
good <- complete.cases(airquality)
```

```
airquality[good, ][1:6, ]
#   Ozone Solar.R Wind Temp Month Day
# 1    41    190  7.4   67     5   1
# 2    36    118  8.0   72     5   2
# 3    12    149 12.6   74     5   3
# 4    18    313 11.5   62     5   4
# 7    23    299  8.6   65     5   7
# 8    19     99 13.8   59     5   8
```

```
## Vectorized Operations
```

```
# Many operations in R are vectorized making code more
  efficient,
# concise, and easier to read.
```

```
x <- 1:4; y <- 6:9
x + y
# [1]  7  9 11 13
```

```
x > 2
# [1] FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE
```

```
x >= 2
# [1] FALSE  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE
```

```
y == 8
# [1] FALSE FALSE  TRUE FALSE
```

```
x * y
# [1]  6 14 24 36
```

```
x / y
# [1] 0.1666667 0.2857143 0.3750000 0.4444444
```

```
##
## Vectorized Matrix Operations
##
```

```
x <- matrix(1:4, 2, 2); y <- matrix(rep(10, 4), 2, 2)
x * y  ## element-wise multiplication
#      [,1] [,2]
# [1,]  10  30
# [2,]  20  40
```

```
x / y
#      [,1] [,2]
# [1,]  0.1  0.3
# [2,]  0.2  0.4
```

```
x %*% y ## true matrix multiplication
#      [,1] [,2]
# [1,]   40  40
# [2,]   60  60
```