

## **4. Even More Data structures in R**

Principles of Data Science with R

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PSTAT 10

# Announcement

1. Quiz 1 will be next Monday (Week 3 Monday) 30 minutes between noon and 11:59pm. (No make ups)
  - Material will include everything till Week 2.
2. HW 3 will be out this evening.
3. Use office hours (TA, ULA) to review material you are having difficulty with.
4. **Email Policy:** : Check canvas Week 0 for detailed email policy.
  - Emails must be formatted correctly for fastest response.
  - Your TA is first person to contact and will reach out to HeadTA and instructor as needed.

## Summary:

More data structures

- matrices and arrays. (Textbook Ch3)
- Factors (Textbook Chapter 4)
- Logical datatype and operator (Textbook Chapter 4)

Maintain a glossary of functions used.

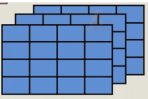
## Next we will see. . .

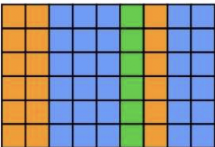
- Even more Data structures
  - list
  - data frame
  - Working with strings

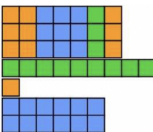
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Matrix 

  
Array

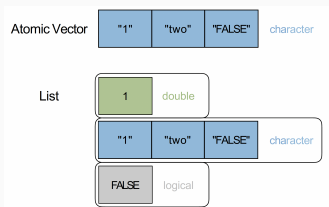
Data  
Frame 

List 

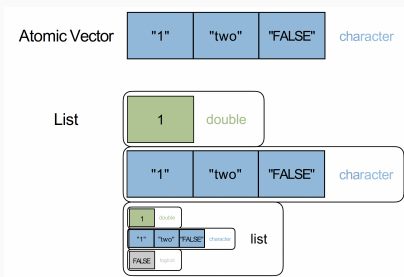
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Heterogeneous	List	Dataframe	

# Lists : most versatile data structure in R

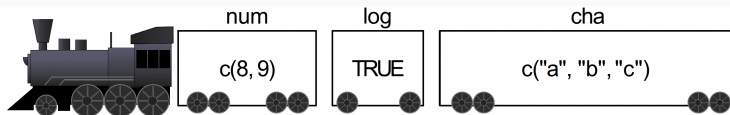
- allows for different data types to be included



- allows for different data structures (even lists!) to be included



# List



```
lst <- list(num = c(8,9), log = TRUE, cha = c("a", "b", "c"))
```

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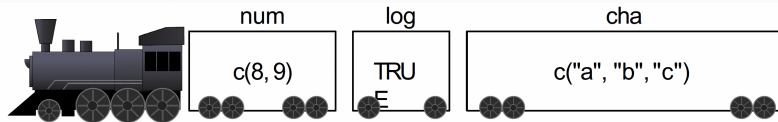
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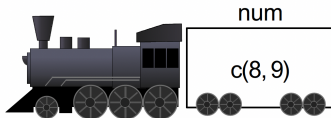
If the [#rstats](#) list "x" is a train carrying objects, then  
x[[5]] is the object in car 5; x[4:6] is a train of cars 4-6.  
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# Accessing objects and members/items of a list



```
lst["num"]
```



```
lst[["num"]]
```

c(8, 9)

```
lst$num
```

c(8, 9)



# What we did

- create using `list()` function
- Access list objects, item/member
  - `[[ ]]` or `$`
    - pull out a single object of the list using index or name.
    - can't be used for extracting multiple objects
    - for list `x`: `x[[y]]` or `x$y`
  - `[ ]`
    - returns members/items in the list
    - returns a list
    - can be used for extracting multiple members in the list
    - `mylist[2:4]`
- Assigning new values to list objects
- working with lists

# Data frames

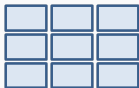
- natural way of representing a data set.
  - data is in rows(observations of the data set) and columns (variables of the data set)
  - each column is a vector (could be a factor for categorical data)
  - all columns are of same length
  - each column can be of a different type

## Vector



- 1 column or row of data
- 1 type (numeric or text)

## Matrix



- multiple columns and/or rows of data
- 1 type (numeric or text)

## Data Frame



- multiple columns and/or rows of data
- multiple types

## Creating, extracting, assigning

- `data.frame()`
- `[ , ] , $`
- `<-`
- other functions

## Special values in R

- Inf : Infinity

```
100/0
```

```
## [1] Inf
```

- NaN : Not a number

```
Inf - Inf
```

```
## [1] NaN
```

- NA : Not applicable ( `is.na()`, `na.rm()` )

```
a_vec <- c("a", 1, NA, 2, "cat", NA, 100)
```

```
a_vec
```

```
## [1] "a"    "1"    NA     "2"    "cat"  NA     "100"
```

```
is.na(a_vec)
```

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

```
any(is.na(a_vec))
```

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

```
any(a_vec == 2 )
```

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

```
which(a_vec == 2)
```

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

```
all(is.na(a_vec ))
```

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

```
b <- seq(-5 , 5, 1)
```

```
b
```

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

```
all(b > 2)
```

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

```
any(b > 2)
```

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

```
which(b > 2 )
```

```
## [1]  9 10 11
```

```
b[b>2]
```

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



- NULL : an empty entity

```
x <- c()
```

```
x
```

```
## NULL
```

```
is.null(x)
```

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

# Strings

```
my_string <- c("This is a string")  
my_string
```

```
## [1] "This is a string"  
nchar(my_string)
```

```
## [1] 16  
substr(my_string, start = 3, stop = 9)  
## [1] "is is a"
```

```
sub(pattern="is",replacement="was",x=my_string)
```

```
## [1] "Thwas is a string"
```

```
gsub(pattern="is",replacement="was",x=my_string)
```

```
## [1] "Thwas was a string"
```

# Predefined Constants in R

```
letters
```

```
## [1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j" "k" "l" "m" "n" "o" "p" "q" "r" "s"  
## [20] "t" "u" "v" "w" "x" "y" "z"
```

```
LETTERS
```

```
## [1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S"  
## [20] "T" "U" "V" "W" "X" "Y" "Z"
```

```
month.abb
```

```
## [1] "Jan" "Feb" "Mar" "Apr" "May" "Jun" "Jul" "Aug" "Sep" "Oct" "Nov" "Dec"  
month.name
```

```
## [1] "January" "February" "March" "April" "May" "June"  
## [7] "July" "August" "September" "October" "November" "December"
```

## questions you should be able to answer

- What are the different data types in R?
- What are the different data structures in R?
  - Which data structures require elements to be of same data type and which allow for elements of different data types?
- How do I create, access(retrieve, subset), update data within the various data structures?
- What functions are available to work with the different data structures?

### Post-Lecture To DO

1. Review the lecture again
2. Write down a summary of today's lecture. Include all functions we went over and a short description of what each function does.

You will be asked to do this to your homework.

## Summary:

- Factors (Textbook Chapter 4)
- Logical values (Textbook Chapter 4)

### Even More data structures

- Lists and Data frames (Textbook Chapter 5)
- Special values (Textbook Chapter 6)
- strings ( Non-numeric values Chapter 4)

Maintain a glossary of functions used.

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A friend/colleague who is an excellent programmer offhandedly told me the other day that coding is 90% googling error messages & 10% writing code. Until this point, I thought that all the time I spent googling error messages meant I was bad at coding. What a perspective change!

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