

Exploratory Data Analysis with R

Introduction to R - Part I

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R console

- You can enter commands one at a time at the command prompt (>). For example,

```
3+5
```

```
## [1] 8
```

The above is the form of code in our presentations: The first line is what I typed into the console; the second line is my result.

Note: # is the comment symbol in R.

When you run the code 3+5 in your local console, you type after the command prompt > and it will look like this:

```
> 3+5  
[1] 8
```

R console

- But if we want to do more than one thing with the same data, it's best to store that data in a variable.

```
x=3; y=7;  
x;      #print(x)
```

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

```
y;      #print(y)
```

```
## [1] 7
```

```
X;      # R is case sensitive.
```

- R can be used as a calculator. Try the following after class.

```
>3**2  
>3^2  
>exp(1)  
>log(3)    #the base of the log function is e  
>pi  
>sin(pi)   # sin(pi) is supposed to be zero  
>round(sin(pi),4) #Round sin(pi) to four decimal places
```

R console: need help?

- use google!
- use `help()` or `?` to seek help.

```
help(log); #This asks for information about the log function
```

```
## starting httpd help server ... done
```

```
?log; #a shorter way of asking for help
```

```
example(log); #This will give some examples
```

```
##
```

```
## log> log(exp(3))
```

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

```
##
```

```
## log> log10(1e7) # = 7
```

```
## [1] 7
```

```
##
```

```
## log> x <- 10^-(1+2*1:9)
```

```
##
```

```
## log> cbind(x, log(1+x), log1p(x), exp(x)-1, expm1(x))
```

```
##           x
```

```
## [1,] 1e-03 9.995003e-04 9.995003e-04 1.000500e-03 1.000500e-03
```

```
## [2,] 1e-05 9.999950e-06 9.999950e-06 1.000005e-05 1.000005e-05
```

R console: clear work space

- `ls()` lists all variables in the workspace
- `rm()` removes a variable
- `rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))` deletes all variables in the workspace

```
ls();
```

```
## [1] "x" "y"
```

```
rm(x); # x;
```

```
y;
```

```
## [1] 7
```

```
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE)); # y;
```

R data types: Numeric

- Decimal values are called **numerics**.

```
x=3.2;  
x;
```

```
## [1] 3.2
```

```
class(x);
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

R data types: Integer

- Decimal values are called **numerics**.

```
x=3;  
is.integer(x);  # is x an integer?
```

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

```
class(x);
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
x=as.integer(x); #create an integer variable using as.integer  
class(x);
```

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


R data types: Character

- A **character** object is used to represent string values.

```
myString <- "Hello, World!"  
print(myString);
```

```
## [1] "Hello, World!"
```

```
x = as.character(3.14); #convert an object into character values  
x;
```

```
## [1] "3.14"
```

```
class(x); #check data type
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

R data types: Character

- Two character values can be concatenated with the paste function.

```
fname = "John"; lname ="Smith";  
paste(fname, lname);
```

```
## [1] "John Smith"
```

-To extract a substring, we apply the substr function.

```
substr("Mary has a little lamb.", start=3, stop=12)
```

```
## [1] "ry has a l"
```

R data types: Factor

A factor is a special character vector where the elements have pre-defined groups or 'levels'. You can think of these as qualitative or categorical variables.

```
x = factor(c("boy", "girl", "girl", "boy", "girl"));  
x ;
```

```
## [1] boy  girl girl boy  girl  
## Levels: boy girl
```

```
class(x)
```

```
## [1] "factor"
```

Note that the levels are **alphabetically ordered by default**.

R data types: Factor

- Factors are used to represent categorical data, and can also be used for ordinal data (ie categories have an intrinsic ordering)
- The function `factor` is used to encode a vector as a factor (the terms 'category' and 'enumerated type' are also used for factors). If argument `ordered` is `TRUE`, the factor levels are assumed to be ordered.

```
factor(x = character(), levels, labels = levels,  
       exclude = NA, ordered = is.ordered(x), nmax = NA)
```

```
x = factor(c("boy", "girl", "girl", "boy", "girl"),  
           levels=c("girl","boy"));  
x ;
```

```
## [1] boy  girl girl boy  girl  
## Levels: girl boy
```

R data types: Factor

Factors can be converted to numeric or character very easily

```
casecontrol = c("case","case","case","control",  
               "control","control");  
x = factor(casecontrol, levels = c("control","case"), ordered=TRUE);  
x;
```

```
## [1] case    case    case    control control control  
## Levels: control < case
```

```
as.character(x);
```

```
## [1] "case"    "case"    "case"    "control" "control" "control"
```

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

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

R data types: Factor

However, you need to be careful modifying the labels of existing factors, as its quite easy to alter the meaning of the underlying data.

```
xCopy = x;  
levels(xCopy) = c("case", "control") # wrong way!  
xCopy;
```

```
## [1] control control control case      case      case  
## Levels: case < control
```

```
as.character(xCopy); # labels switched
```

```
## [1] "control" "control" "control" "case"      "case"      "case"
```

```
as.numeric(xCopy);
```

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

R data types: Date

- Dates are represented as the number of days since 1970-01-01, with negative values for earlier dates.

```
Sys.Date( ); # it returns today's date
```

```
## [1] "2022-09-01"
```

```
date(); # it returns the current date and time
```

```
## [1] "Thu Sep 1 09:34:44 2022"
```

R data types: Date

You can convert date-like strings in the Date class
(<http://www.statmethods.net/input/dates.html> for more info)

- Character to Date Conversion

```
strdates = c("01/05/1965", "08/16/1975");  
dates = as.Date(strdates, "%m/%d/%Y");  
# convert date info in format mm/dd/yyyy  
dates;
```

```
## [1] "1965-01-05" "1975-08-16"
```

- Date to Character Conversion

```
strDates <- as.character(dates);  
strDates;
```

```
## [1] "1965-01-05" "1975-08-16"
```

- For more information, `help(as.Date)` and `help(strptime)`.

R data types: Date

However, the lubridate package is much easier for generating explicit dates:

```
strdates;
```

```
## [1] "01/05/1965" "08/16/1975"
```

```
library(lubridate); # great for dates!  
newDate2 = mdy(strdates);  
newDate2;
```

```
## [1] "1965-01-05" "1975-08-16"
```

```
strdates;
```

```
## [1] "01/05/1965" "08/16/1975"
```

```
library(lubridate); # great for dates!  
newDate2 = mdy(strdates);  
newDate2;
```

```
## [1] "1965-01-05" "1975-08-16"
```

```
newDate2[1]; newDate2[2];
```

R data types: Date

- The POSIXct class is like a more general date format (with hours, minutes, seconds).

```
theTime = Sys.time();  
theTime;
```

```
## [1] "2022-09-01 09:34:44 EDT"
```

```
class(theTime);
```

```
## [1] "POSIXct" "POSIXt"
```

```
theTime + as.period(30, unit = "minutes"); # the future
```

```
## [1] "2022-09-01 10:04:44 EDT"
```

R data types: Logical

- A **logical** value is often created via comparison between variables.

```
x = 1; y = 2;    # sample values
z = x > y;        # is x larger than y?
z;               # print the logical value
```

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

```
class(z);        # print the class name of z
```

```
## [1] "logical"
```

R data types: Logical

- Standard logical operations are & (and), | (or), and ! (negation).

```
u = TRUE; v = FALSE
```

```
u & v          # u AND v
```

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

```
u | v          # u OR v
```

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

```
!u             # negation of u
```

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

R data types: Complex

- A **complex** value in R is defined via the pure imaginary value `i`(skip this data type).

```
z = 1+2i;      # create a complex number
z;             # print the value of z
```

```
## [1] 1+2i
```

```
class(z);      # print the class name of z
```

```
## [1] "complex"
```

```
sqrt(-1);      # square root of -1 which is not a complex value
```

```
## Warning in sqrt(-1): NaNs produced
```

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

```
sqrt(-1+0i);   # square root of -1+0i
```

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

- An alternative is to coerce `-1` into a complex value.

```
sqrt(as.complex(-1));
```

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

R data structures: Vector

- The basic data structure in R is the vector, a sequence of data elements of the same basic type. In order to create a vector in R Programming, `c()` function is used. We have seen several examples.

```
A=c(2, 3, 5); A;
```

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

```
B=c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE); B;
```

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

```
C=c("aa", "bb", "cc", "dd", "ee"); C;
```

```
## [1] "aa" "bb" "cc" "dd" "ee"
```

```
length(C); #how many elements it contains
```

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

R data structures: Vector

- Refer to elements of a vector using subscripts.

```
A=c(2, 3, 5); A[1]; A[c(1,3)];
```

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

```
## [1] 2 5
```

- Combining Vectors

```
A=c(2, 3, 5);  
B = c("aa", "bb", "cc", "dd", "ee");  
c(A, B);
```

```
## [1] "2" "3" "5" "aa" "bb" "cc" "dd" "ee"
```

Note: In the above, numeric values are being coerced into character strings when the two vectors are combined. This is necessary so as to maintain the same primitive data type for elements in the same vector.

R data structures: Matrix

- Matrix is a two-dimensional structure where all values are of the **same type**.
There are various ways to construct a matrix.

```
B = matrix( c(2, 4, 3, 1, 5, 7), nrow=3, ncol=2); B;
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    2    1  
## [2,]    4    5  
## [3,]    3    7
```

```
C = matrix( c(2, 4, 3, 1, 5, 7), nrow=3, ncol=2,byrow=TRUE); C;
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    2    4  
## [2,]    3    1  
## [3,]    5    7
```


R data structures: Matrix

- Combining Matrices using row bind: `rbind()` or column bind: `cbind()`.

```
B = matrix( c(2, 4, 3, 1, 5, 7), nrow=3, ncol=2);  
D=matrix( c(7, 4, 2), nrow=3, ncol=1); # D has 3 rows  
cbind(B, D);
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
## [1,]    2    1    7  
## [2,]    4    5    4  
## [3,]    3    7    2
```

```
E= matrix( c(6, 2), nrow=1, ncol=2); #E has 2 columns  
rbind(B, E);
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    2    1  
## [2,]    4    5  
## [3,]    3    7  
## [4,]    6    2
```

R data structures: List

- A list is a generic vector containing **other objects**. The following example creates a list containing a vector and a matrix.

```
T =list();  
A=c("aa", "bb", "cc", "dd", "ee");  
B = matrix( c(2, 4, 3, 1, 5, 7),  nrow=3, ncol=2);  
T[[1]]=A;  T[[2]]=B;  
T;          #print T
```

```
## [[1]]  
## [1] "aa" "bb" "cc" "dd" "ee"  
##  
## [[2]]  
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    2    1  
## [2,]    4    5  
## [3,]    3    7
```

R data structures: List

- We can assign names to list members, and reference them by names instead of numeric indexes.

```
V = list(bob=c(2, 3, 5), john=c("aa", "bb")) ;  
V["bob"];
```

```
## $bob  
## [1] 2 3 5
```

```
V[c("john", "bob")];
```

```
## $john  
## [1] "aa" "bb"  
##  
## $bob  
## [1] 2 3 5
```

R data structures: Data Frame

- A data frame is used for storing data tables. It is a collection of vectors that all have the same length. This is like a matrix, except that different columns can have different data types.
- The column names should be non-empty.
- The column names should be unique.
- Each column should contain same number of data items.
- The data stored in a data frame can be of any type.

R data structures: Data Frame

- The data set mtcars is a built-in data frame in R.

```
names(mtcars);    #list the variable names of the data
```

```
## [1] "mpg"  "cyl"  "disp" "hp"   "drat" "wt"   "qsec" "vs"   "am"   "gear"
## [11] "carb"
```

```
#colnames(mtcars)
```

```
rownames(mtcars)
```

```
## [1] "Mazda RX4"           "Mazda RX4 Wag"       "Datsun 710"
## [4] "Hornet 4 Drive"      "Hornet Sportabout"   "Valiant"
## [7] "Duster 360"          "Merc 240D"           "Merc 230"
## [10] "Merc 280"            "Merc 280C"           "Merc 450SE"
## [13] "Merc 450SL"          "Merc 450SLC"         "Cadillac Fleetwood"
## [16] "Lincoln Continental" "Chrysler Imperial"   "Fiat 128"
## [19] "Honda Civic"         "Toyota Corolla"      "Toyota Corona"
## [22] "Dodge Challenger"    "AMC Javelin"         "Camaro Z28"
## [25] "Pontiac Firebird"    "Fiat X1-9"           "Porsche 914-2"
## [28] "Lotus Europa"        "Ford Pantera L"      "Ferrari Dino"
## [31] "Maserati Bora"       "Volvo 142E"
```

R data structures: Data Frame

- The data set mtcars is a built-in data frame in R.

```
head(mtcars);    #show the header of the data
```

##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	c
##	Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	
##	Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	
##	Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	
##	Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	
##	Valiant	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	

```
head(mtcars, n=4);
```

##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
##	Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
##	Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1

R data structures: Data Frame

```
tail(mtcars);    #show the last several rows
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp drat   wt  qsec vs am gear carb
## Porsche 914-2 26.0   4 120.3  91 4.43 2.140 16.7  0  1    5    2
## Lotus Europa  30.4   4  95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.9  1  1    5    2
## Ford Pantera L 15.8   8 351.0 264 4.22 3.170 14.5  0  1    5    4
## Ferrari Dino  19.7   6 145.0 175 3.62 2.770 15.5  0  1    5    6
## Maserati Bora  15.0   8 301.0 335 3.54 3.570 14.6  0  1    5    8
## Volvo 142E     21.4   4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.6  1  1    4    2
```

```
tail(mtcars, n=4);
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp drat   wt  qsec vs am gear carb
## Ford Pantera L 15.8   8  351 264 4.22 3.17 14.5  0  1    5    4
## Ferrari Dino  19.7   6  145 175 3.62 2.77 15.5  0  1    5    6
## Maserati Bora  15.0   8  301 335 3.54 3.57 14.6  0  1    5    8
## Volvo 142E     21.4   4  121 109 4.11 2.78 18.6  1  1    4    2
```

R data structures: Data Frame

```
str(mtcars);    #display the internal structure
```

```
## 'data.frame':    32 obs. of  11 variables:
##  $ mpg : num  21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
##  $ cyl : num   6  6  4  6  8  6  8  4  4  6 ...
##  $ disp: num  160 160 108 258 360 ...
##  $ hp  : num  110 110  93 110 175 105 245  62  95 123 ...
##  $ drat: num   3.9 3.9 3.85 3.08 3.15 2.76 3.21 3.69 3.92 3.92 ...
##  $ wt  : num   2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
##  $ qsec: num   16.5 17 18.6 19.4 17 ...
##  $ vs  : num   0  0  1  1  0  1  0  1  1  1 ...
##  $ am  : num   1  1  1  0  0  0  0  0  0  0 ...
##  $ gear: num   4  4  4  3  3  3  3  4  4  4 ...
##  $ carb: num   4  4  1  1  2  1  4  2  2  4 ...
```


R data structures: Data Frame

```
nrow(mtcars);    # number of data rows
```

```
## [1] 32
```

```
ncol(mtcars);    # number of columns
```

```
## [1] 11
```

```
dim(mtcars);     # dimensions of the data
```

```
## [1] 32 11
```

R data structures: Data Frame

- We can extract specific column from a data frame using column name.

```
names1=c("mpg", "cyl", "hp", "wt");  
mtcars1=mtcars[names1]; #extract the variables: mpg, cyl, hp, wt  
str(mtcars1);
```

```
## 'data.frame':    32 obs. of  4 variables:  
## $ mpg: num  21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...  
## $ cyl: num   6 6 4 6 8 6 8 4 4 6 ...  
## $ hp : num  110 110 93 110 175 105 245 62 95 123 ...  
## $ wt : num   2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
```

```
mpg=mtcars$mpg; #extract the variable mpg using the $ operator  
str(mpg);
```

```
## num [1:32] 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
```

R data structures: Data Frame

- We can add a column to a data frame by adding the column vector using a new column name.

```
mtcars0=mtcars1;      # create a copy of mtcars1
wt2=(mtcars0$wt)^2;    # define wt2, the square of wt
mtcars0$wt2=wt2;       #Add a new column wt2
head(mtcars0);
```

##	mpg	cyl	hp	wt	wt2
## Mazda RX4	21.0	6	110	2.620	6.864400
## Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	110	2.875	8.265625
## Datsun 710	22.8	4	93	2.320	5.382400
## Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	110	3.215	10.336225
## Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	175	3.440	11.833600
## Valiant	18.1	6	105	3.460	11.971600

R data structures: Data Frame

- We can remove a column as well.

```
mtcars0$wt2=NULL;  
head(mtcars0);
```

##	mpg	cyl	hp	wt
## Mazda RX4	21.0	6	110	2.620
## Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	110	2.875
## Datsun 710	22.8	4	93	2.320
## Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	110	3.215
## Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	175	3.440
## Valiant	18.1	6	105	3.460

R data structures: Data Frame

- We can extract specific rows from a data frame.

```
mtcars2=mtcars1[1:5,]      #extract the first 5 rows  
mtcars2;
```

##		mpg	cyl	hp	wt
##	Mazda RX4	21.0	6	110	2.620
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	110	2.875
##	Datsun 710	22.8	4	93	2.320
##	Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	110	3.215
##	Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	175	3.440

R data structures: Data Frame

- We can add more rows permanently to an existing data frame using the `rbind()` function.

```
newrow=c(30, 4, 110, 2.578);  
mtcars3=rbind(mtcars1, newrow);  
tail(mtcars3);
```

##		mpg	cyl	hp	wt
##	Lotus Europa	30.4	4	113	1.513
##	Ford Pantera L	15.8	8	264	3.170
##	Ferrari Dino	19.7	6	175	2.770
##	Maserati Bora	15.0	8	335	3.570
##	Volvo 142E	21.4	4	109	2.780
##	33	30.0	4	110	2.578

R data structures: Data Frame

- We can remove some rows as well.

```
mtcars4=mtcars3[-c(32,33),];    #remove the last two rows: 32 and 33  
tail(mtcars4);
```

```
##           mpg  cyl  hp    wt  
## Fiat X1-9      27.3   4   66 1.935  
## Porsche 914-2  26.0   4   91 2.140  
## Lotus Europa   30.4   4  113 1.513  
## Ford Pantera L  15.8   8  264 3.170  
## Ferrari Dino   19.7   6  175 2.770  
## Maserati Bora   15.0   8  335 3.570
```

R data structures: Data Frame

```
class(mtcars1$cyl);
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
mtcars1$cyl=as.factor(mtcars1$cyl); #mtcars1$cyl=factor(mtcars1$cyl,  
str(mtcars1);
```

```
## 'data.frame':    32 obs. of  4 variables:
```

```
## $ mpg: num  21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
```

```
## $ cyl: Factor w/ 3 levels "4","6","8": 2 2 1 2 3 2 3 1 1 2 ...
```

```
## $ hp : num  110 110 93 110 175 105 245 62 95 123 ...
```

```
## $ wt : num  2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
```

```
levels(mtcars1$cyl); #list levels of the factor
```

```
## [1] "4" "6" "8"
```


R operators

Arithmetic Operators: +, -, *, ^, /

- The operators act on each element of a vector.

```
v = c(2,5,6); w = c(8,3,6);  
v+w;           #sum of two vectors
```

```
## [1] 10 8 12
```

```
v-w;           #difference of two vectors
```

```
## [1] -6 2 0
```

```
v*w;           #product of two vectors
```

```
## [1] 16 15 36
```

```
v/w;           #quotient
```

```
## [1] 0.250000 1.666667 1.000000
```

```
v^2;           #square of a vector
```

```
## [1] 4 25 36
```

R operators

Matrix manipulation in R are very useful in Linear Algebra. For more information, see Matrix Operators.

- Transpose – `t`
- Multiplication – `%*%`
- Determinant – `det`
- Inverse – `solve`, or `ginv` of MASS library
- Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors – `eigen`

R operators

Relational Operators: >, <, ==, >=, <=, !=

```
v = c(2,5,6); w = c(8,3,6); v>w;
```

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

```
v<w;
```

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

```
v==w;
```

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

```
v>=w;
```

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

```
v!=w;
```

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

R operators

Assignment Operators: =, <-, c

```
v1 <- c(3,1,TRUE,2);  
v1;
```

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

```
v2 = c(3,1,TRUE,2);  
v2;
```

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

Right Assignment Operator: ->

```
c(3,1,F,2) -> v3;  
v3;
```

```
## [1] 3 1 0 2
```

R operators

- `:` Colon operator. It creates the series of numbers in sequence for a vector.

```
v = 2:8; v;
```

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

- `::` Double Colon operator. Two functions in two different R packages may have the same name. To specify the package that you want to use, the syntax is `package::function()`

R operators

- `%in%` It is used to identify if an element belongs to a vector.

```
v1 = 8; v2 = 12; w = 1:10;  
print(v1 %in% w);
```

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

```
print(v2 %in% w);
```

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

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