01 R Language Basics

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1 Introduction

This is a syntax and usage summary for R. The content is mainly from https://www.tutorialspoint.com/r/index.htm. This notes is for personal use only. Here I assume readers are experienced in programming.

1.1 Hello World

```
[1]: my_str <- "Hello World!"
    print(my_str)

[1] "Hello World!"</pre>
```

[2]: cat(my_str, 123)

Hello World! 123

2 Variables and Basic Data Types

2.1 Variables

2.1.1 Variable Naming

- Letters, numbers, dot and underscore are allowed.
 - e.g. abc, .abc, abc., abc_
- Starting with a number are **not** allowed.
 - e.g. 1abc
- Starting with a dot is allowed
 - e.g. .abc
- Starting with a dot followed by a number is **not** allowed
 - e.g. .2abc
- Starting with a underscore is not allowed.
 - e.g. _tmp

2.1.2 Value Assignment

```
[3]: a <- 3
print(a)
```

[1] 3

```
[4]: a <<- 5 print(a)
```

[1] 5

```
[5]: a = 7
      print(a)
     [1] 7
 [6]: 10 -> a
     print(a)
     [1] 10
     2.1.3 Variable Removal
 [7]: # Assign 10 to a
      a <- 10
      # Print a
      print(a)
     rm(a) # a is removed
     [1] 10
     2.2 Basic Data Types
 [8]: v <- TRUE
      print(class(v))
     [1] "logical"
 [9]: v <- 23.5
      print(class(v))
     [1] "numeric"
[10]: v <- 2L
      print(class(v))
     [1] "integer"
[11]: v <- 2+5i
      print(class(v))
     [1] "complex"
[12]: v <- "TRUE"
      print(class(v))
     [1] "character"
```

```
[13]: v <- charToRaw("Hello")
print(class(v))</pre>
```

[1] "raw"

3 Objects

3.1 Vector

• An ordered collection of variables of **same** types.

3.1.1 Create a vector

```
[14]: # Create a vector.
v <- c(0,1,2,3)
print(v)

# Get the class of the vector.
print(class(v))</pre>
```

[1] 0 1 2 3

[1] "numeric"

3.1.2 Getting the Length of a Vector

```
[15]: # Print the length of a vector
print(length(v))
```

[1] 4

3.1.3 Create a sequence

```
[16]: # Create a vector of a sequence
v <- 1:10
print(v)

v <- 1.2:10.1
print(v)</pre>
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
[1] 1.2 2.2 3.2 4.2 5.2 6.2 7.2 8.2 9.2
```

3.1.4 Accessing vector elements

• One should note that indices in R starting from 1.

```
[17]: # Accessing vector elements using position.
t <- c("Sun", "Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thurs", "Fri", "Sat")
u <- t[c(2,3,6)]</pre>
```

```
print(u)

# Accessing vector elements using negative indexing.

# Negative index means droping the index, not the same as that in Python!

x <- t[c(-2,-5)]

print(x)

# Accessing vector element by an index

print(t[2])</pre>
```

```
[1] "Mon" "Tue" "Fri"
```

- [1] "Sun" "Tue" "Wed" "Fri" "Sat"
- [1] "Mon"

3.1.5 Vector Manipulation

```
[18]: # Vector arithmetic
    u <- 1:6
    v <- 3:8
    print(u+v)</pre>
```

[1] 4 6 8 10 12 14

```
[19]: # Vector Element Recycling

v1 <- c(3,8,4,5,0,11)
v2 <- c(4,11)
# V2 becomes c(4,11,4,11,4,11)

add.result <- v1+v2
print(add.result)

sub.result <- v1-v2
print(sub.result)</pre>
```

```
[1] 7 19 8 16 4 22
```

[1] -1 -3 0 -6 -4 0

3.1.6 Sorting a Vector

```
[20]: # Create a size-10 vector by sampling from 1:100 with replacement
v <- sample(1:100, 10, replace=TRUE)
print(v)

v_inc <- sort(v, decreasing = FALSE)
print(v_inc)</pre>
```

```
v_dec <- sort(v, decreasing = TRUE)
print(v_dec)</pre>
```

- [1] 2 31 21 56 32 99 19 72 30 72
- [1] 2 19 21 30 31 32 56 72 72 99
- [1] 99 72 72 56 32 31 30 21 19 2

3.2 List

• An ordered collection of variables of **different** types.

3.2.1 Create a list

```
[21]: # Create a list.
list1 <- list(c(1,2,3),18L,"ABC")

# Print the list.
print(list1)

# Print the length of a list
print(length(list1))</pre>
```

[[1]]

[1] 1 2 3

[[2]]

[1] 18

[[3]]

[1] "ABC"

[1] 3

3.2.2 Giving Names to Elements

```
[22]: # Providing names to elements
names(list1) <- c("A vector", "The integer", "A_string")
print(list1)

$`A vector`
[1] 1 2 3

$`The integer`
[1] 18</pre>
$A_string
```

```
[1] "ABC"
```

3.2.3 Accessing Elements

```
[23]: # By indices
      print(list1[2])
      # By names
      print(list1$`A vector`)
     $`The integer`
     [1] 18
     [1] 1 2 3
     3.2.4 Adding and Removing Elements
[24]: # Add an element
      list1[length(list1)+1] <- "HI."</pre>
      print(list1)
     $`A vector`
     [1] 1 2 3
     $`The integer`
     [1] 18
     $A_string
     [1] "ABC"
     [[4]]
     [1] "HI."
[25]: # Remove an element
      list1[3] <- NULL</pre>
      print(list1)
     $`A vector`
     [1] 1 2 3
     $`The integer`
     [1] 18
     [[3]]
```

```
[1] "HI."
```

3.2.5 Combine Two Lists

• Function c here is combine. Check ?c for more detail.

```
[26]: # Define a new list
      list2 <- list("Sun", "Moon", 3.14, 20L)
      # Combine two lists using function c
      combined_list <- c(list1, list2)</pre>
      print(combined_list)
     $`A vector`
     [1] 1 2 3
     $`The integer`
     [1] 18
     [[8]]
     [1] "HI."
     [[4]]
     [1] "Sun"
     [[5]]
     [1] "Moon"
     [[6]]
     [1] 3.14
     [[7]]
     [1] 20
```

3.2.6 Convert a List to a Vector

```
[27]: # Define a List
list3 <- list(1,2,3,4,5)

v <- unlist(list3)

print(v)</pre>
```

[1] 1 2 3 4 5

3.3 Matrix

M2 = M2 + 1

3.3.1 Create a Matrix

```
[28]:  # Create a matrix.
      M1 = matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6), nrow = 2, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
      print(M1)
          [,1] [,2] [,3]
     [1,]
            1
     [2,]
                  5
             4
[29]: # Create a matrix with dimnames
      dimlabel1 = list("A", "B")
      dimlabel2 = list("C", "D", "E")
      M2 = matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6), nrow = 2, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE, dimnames = __
      →list(dimlabel1, dimlabel2))
      print(M2)
       CDE
     A 1 2 3
     B 4 5 6
     3.3.2 Accessing Elements
[30]: # Getting particular element
      print(M1[2,3])
     [1] 6
[31]: # Getting particular column
      print(M1[,3])
     [1] 3 6
[32]: # Getting particular row
      print(M1[1,])
     [1] 1 2 3
     3.3.3 Matrix Addition & Subtraction
        • The rule for element-wise multiplication * and division / is the same.
[33]: # Re-define the M1 and M2 matrices
      M1 = matrix(1:6, nrow = 2, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
      M2 = matrix(1:6, nrow = 2, ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
```

```
print(M2)
        [,1] [,2] [,3]
     [1,] 2 3
     [2,] 5
                6
                    7
[34]: M3 = M2 - M1
     print(M3)
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
     [1,] 1 1
     [2,] 1 1
[35]: M4 = M2 - 4*M1
     print(M4)
        [,1] [,2] [,3]
    [1,] -2 -5 -8
    [2,] -11 -14 -17
    3.4 Array
    3.4.1 Create an Array
[36]: # Create an array.
     a \leftarrow array(c(1,2,3,4),dim = c(3,3,2))
     print(a)
    , , 1
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
    [1,]
         1 4
    [2,] 2 1
                    4
    [3,] 3 2 1
    , , 2
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
     [1,]
           2 1 4
    [2,] 3
                2
                    1
    [3,] 4 3
[37]: # Create an array from two vectors.
     a \leftarrow array(c(c(1,2,3,4),c(5,6)),dim = c(3,3,2))
     print(a)
    , , 1
```

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

3.4.2 Name Dimensions

```
[38]: # Define dimnames

dimname1 <- c("A", "B", "C")

dimname2 <- c("D", "E", "F")

dimname3 <- c("G", "H")

# Create an array from two vectors with dimnames.

a <- array(c(c(1,2,3,4),c(5,6)),dim = c(3,3,2), dimnames = list(dimname1, □ → dimname2, dimname3))

print(a)
```

```
DEF
A141
B252
C363
,,H
DEF
A414
B525
```

C 6 3 6

3.4.3 Accessing Elements

```
[39]: # Getting a particular element print(a[1,2,1])
```

[1] 4

```
[40]: # Getting a particular column
      print(a[,2,1])
     A B C
     4 5 6
[41]: # Getting a particular matrix
      print(a[,,2])
       DEF
     A 4 1 4
     B 5 2 5
     C 6 3 6
     3.4.4 Array Addition
        • Same as other element-wise operations, e.g. -, *, /
[42]: # Define two arrays
      a1 <- array(1:3, dim = c(2,2,2))
      a2 \leftarrow array(4:6, dim = c(2,2,2))
      cat("Array a1:\n")
      print(a1)
      cat("Array a2:\n")
      print(a2)
      # Calculate the element-wise sums
      a_result <- a1 + a2
      cat("Array a_result:\n")
      print(a_result)
     Array a1:
     , , 1
          [,1] [,2]
     [1,]
             1
     [2,]
             2
                  1
     , , 2
          [,1] [,2]
     [1,]
            2
     [2,]
                   2
          3
     Array a2:
```

```
, , 1
   [,1] [,2]
[1,]
       4
[2,]
       5
            4
, , 2
    [,1] [,2]
[1,]
       5
[2,]
       6
            5
Array a_result:
, , 1
   [,1] [,2]
[1,] 5
           5
[2,] 7
, , 2
    [,1] [,2]
[1,]
      7
[2,]
            7
```

3.4.5 Calculations Across Array Elements

• We use function apply() to calculate across aray elements

```
[43]: # Define an array
a1 <- array(1:3, dim = c(2,2,2))

cat("array a1:\n")
print(a1)

# Calcuate means of elements along 1st axis
result1 <- apply(a1, MARGIN = c(1), mean)
cat("\narray result1:\n")
print(result1)

# Calcuate sums of elements along 1st and 2nd axes
result2 <- apply(a1, MARGIN = c(1,2), sum)
cat("\narray result2:\n")
print(result2)

array a1:
, , 1</pre>
```

```
[,1] [,2]
     [1,]
                   3
             1
     [2,]
              2
                   1
     , , 2
           [,1] [,2]
     [1,]
             2
     [2,]
              3
                   2
     array result1:
     [1] 1.75 2.00
     array result2:
          [,1] [,2]
     [1,]
              3
     [2,]
              5
                   3
     3.5 Factor
     3.5.1 Create a Vector
[44]: # Create a vector.
      staff_genders <- array(c("M","M","F","M","F","F","M"))
      # Create a factor.
      staff_gender_factor <- factor(staff_genders)</pre>
      # Print the factor
      print(staff_gender_factor)
      print(nlevels(staff_gender_factor))
     [1] MMFMFFM
     Levels: F M
     [1] 2
     3.5.2 Generating a Factor
        • Function gl is used to generate labels
            - Syntax: gl(n, k, labels)
            - n: number of levels.
            - k: the number of replications.
            - labels: a vector of labels.
[45]: # Create labels
      v <- gl(3, 4, labels = c("Apple", "Orange", "Banana"))</pre>
      print(v)
```

```
[1] Apple Apple Apple Orange Orange Orange Banana Banana [11] Banana Banana
```

Levels: Apple Orange Banana

3.6 Data Frames

3.6.1 Create a Data Frame

```
[46]: # Create a data frame.
staff_table <- data.frame(
    ID=c(1L,2L,3L),
    Name=c("Tom", "Ann", "Peter"),
    Gender=c("M","F","M"),
    Age=c(32L,36L,29L)
)

# Print the data frame.
print(staff_table)</pre>
```

```
ID Name Gender Age
1 1 Tom M 32
2 2 Ann F 36
3 3 Peter M 29
```

3.6.2 Structure of the Dataframe

```
[47]: # Get the structure of the data frame.
str(staff_table)
```

```
'data.frame': 3 obs. of 4 variables:

$ ID : int 1 2 3

$ Name : chr "Tom" "Ann" "Peter"

$ Gender: chr "M" "F" "M"

$ Age : int 32 36 29
```

3.6.3 Summer of the Dataframe

```
[48]: # Get the summer of the data frame print(summary(staff_table))
```

```
ID
                                  Gender
                 Name
                                                      Age
Min. :1.0
             Length:3
                               Length:3
                                                 Min. :29.00
1st Qu.:1.5 Class :character
                               Class :character
                                                 1st Qu.:30.50
Median :2.0
            Mode :character
                               Mode :character
                                                 Median :32.00
Mean :2.0
                                                      :32.33
                                                 Mean
3rd Qu.:2.5
                                                 3rd Qu.:34.00
Max. :3.0
                                                 Max. :36.00
```

3.6.4 Making a Sub-dataframe

```
[49]: # Making a sub-dataframe
      staff_table_gender = data.frame(staff_table$Name, staff_table$Gender)
      print(staff_table_gender)
       staff_table.Name staff_table.Gender
     1
                    Tom
     2
                    Ann
                                         F
     3
                  Peter
                                         M
[50]: # Getting first two rows
      staff_table_12 <- staff_table[1:2,]</pre>
      print(staff_table_12)
       ID Name Gender Age
     1 1 Tom
                    M 32
     2 2 Ann
                    F 36
[51]: # Getting particular cols and rows
      staff_table_parti <- staff_table[c(1,3),c(2,4)]</pre>
      print(staff_table_parti)
        Name Age
         Tom 32
     3 Peter 29
     3.6.5 Update the Dataframe
[52]: # Add a new column
      staff_table$Salary = c(30000,32000,29000)
      print(staff_table)
       ID Name Gender Age Salary
     1 1
            Tom
                     M 32 30000
     2 2
            Ann
                     F 36 32000
     3 3 Peter
                     M 29 29000
[53]: # Add a new row
      new_staff = data.frame(
          ID = 4L,
          Name = "Ken",
          Gender = "M",
          Age = 30L,
```

```
Salary = 31000.0
)
staff_table <- rbind(staff_table, new_staff)
print(staff_table)</pre>
```

```
ID Name Gender Age Salary
1 1 Tom M 32 30000
2 2 Ann F 36 32000
3 3 Peter M 29 29000
4 4 Ken M 30 31000
```

3.6.6 Add New Entries by cbind

• One should note that, **chind** returns a vector containing elements of a **same type**. All numeric entries are converted to be character.

```
[54]: # Create a new row using cbind
new_staff = cbind(
    ID = c(5L, 6L),
    Name = c("Amy", "Zoe"),
    Gender = c("F", "F"),
    Age = c(29L, 31L),
    Salary = c(30000, 29500)
)

# Append the new row using rbind
staff_table <- rbind(staff_table, new_staff)

print(staff_table)</pre>
```

```
ID
     Name Gender Age Salary
              M 32 30000
1
 1
      Tom
2 2
      Ann
              F 36 32000
3 3 Peter
              M 29 29000
4
 4
                 30 31000
      Ken
              Μ
5 5
              F
                 29 30000
      Amy
6 6
      Zoe
              F 31 29500
```

3.6.7 Merge Dataframes

```
ID Name Gender Age Salary Office
1 1
      Tom
              M 32 30000
2 2
      Ann
              F 36 32000
                              ΗK
3 3 Peter
              M 29 29000
                             ΗK
4 4
      Ken
              M 30 31000
                             HΚ
5 5
      Amy
              F
                 29 30000
                              TW
      Zoe
              F 31 29500
                             TW
```

3.6.8 Melting the Dataframe

• Here a library namely "reshape" is required.

A sub-dataframe

```
Gender Office Age Salary
      М
            TW 32 30000
1
2
      F
            HK 36 32000
3
      M
            HK 29 29000
4
            HK 30 31000
5
      F
            TW
               29 30000
            TW 31 29500
```

The melten dataframe

Gender Office variable value

```
1
        М
              TW
                       Age
                              32
2
        F
              ΗK
                              36
                       Age
3
        Μ
              ΗK
                       Age
                              29
4
        М
              ΗK
                       Age
                              30
        F
5
              TW
                       Age
                              29
6
        F
              TW
                       Age
                              31
7
        Μ
              TW
                    Salary 30000
                    Salary 32000
8
        F
              ΗK
9
        Μ
              ΗK
                    Salary 29000
                    Salary 31000
10
        Μ
              ΗK
        F
              TW
                    Salary 30000
11
12
        F
              TW
                    Salary 29500
```

3.6.9 Casting the Dataframe

```
[57]: # Casting here means calculating means of age and salary according to id_

→"Gender" and "Office"

casted_staff_meta_data <- reshape::cast(staff_meta_data_melt,_

→Gender+Office~variable, mean)

cat("Means of age and salary (average over gender and office location)\n\n")

print(casted_staff_meta_data)

# Casting here means calculating means of age and salary according to id_

→"Office"

casted_staff_meta_data <- reshape::cast(staff_meta_data_melt, Office~variable,_

→mean)

cat("\nMeans of age and salary (average over office location)\n\n")

print(casted_staff_meta_data)
```

Means of age and salary (average over gender and office location)

```
Gender Office Age Salary

1 F HK 36.0 32000

2 F TW 30.0 29750

3 M HK 29.5 30000

4 M TW 32.0 30000
```

Means of age and salary (average over office location)

```
Office Age Salary
1 HK 31.66667 30666.67
2 TW 30.66667 29833.33
```

3.7 String

3.7.1 Define a String

```
[58]: # Assign a string
str1 <- "I got Tom's lunchbox."
print(str1)</pre>
```

[1] "I got Tom's lunchbox."

3.7.2 Combine Strings

```
[59]: str1 <- "I "
    str2 <- "Like"
    str3 <- "Hamburger."

# Combine strings with default settings
    result <- paste(str1, str2, str3)
    print(result)</pre>
```

[1] "I Like Hamburger."

```
[60]: # Combine strings and connect them using "#"
result <- paste(str1, str2, str3, sep="#")
print(result)</pre>
```

[1] "I #Like#Hamburger."

```
[61]: # Cross combining strings using "#" and "%%"
result <- paste(c(str1, str2, str3), c("A", "B"), sep="#", collapse = "%%")
print(result)</pre>
```

[1] "I #A%%Like#B%%Hamburger.#A"

3.7.3 Format String

The format function has a general syntax:

```
format(x, digits, nsmall, scientific, width, justify = c("left", "right",
"centre", "none"))
```

```
[62]: str1 <- format(3.14159265358, digits = 4) # Keeps at most 4 digits print(str1)
```

[1] "3.142"

```
[63]: str2 <- format(3.1, nsmall = 2) # Make decimal places after the floating point

→ to be 2

print(str2)
```

```
[1] "3.10"
[64]: str3 <- format(3.1, scientific = TRUE)
      print(str3)
     [1] "3.1e+00"
[65]: str4 <- format("Hello", width = 10)
      print(str4)
     [1] "Hello
[66]: str5 <- format("Hello", width = 10, justify = "right")
      print(str5)
     [1] "
               Hello"
     3.7.4 Number of Chars
[67]: # Define the string
      str1 <- "Hello"
     print(nchar(str1))
     Γ1  5
     3.7.5 Change the Case
[68]: # Define the string
      str1 <- "Hello"
      print(toupper(str1))
     [1] "HELLO"
[69]: print(tolower(str1))
     [1] "hello"
     3.7.6 Extracting Parts of a String - substr
[70]: # Define a string
      str1 <- "The air quality is ideal for most individuals."</pre>
      # Get a substring
      str2 <- substr(str1, start = 5, stop = 15)</pre>
      print(str2)
     [1] "air quality"
```

3.7.7 Split a String

4 Operations

4.1 Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic operators include +, -, *, /, %% (remainder), %/% (quotient) and ^ (exponent).

```
[72]: # Define vectors
v1 <- c(2,7,9)
v2 <- c(1,2,3)

print(v1+v2)
print(v1-v2)
print(v1*v2)
print(v1/v2)
print(v1/v2)
print(v1/%v2)
print(v1%/%v2)
print(v1%/v2)</pre>
```

```
[1] 3 9 12

[1] 1 5 6

[1] 2 14 27

[1] 2.0 3.5 3.0

[1] 0 1 0

[1] 2 3 3

[1] 2 49 729
```

4.2 Relational Operators

Relational Operators includes <, >, ==, <=, >= and !=.

```
[73]: # Define vectors
v1 <- c(2,3,9)
v2 <- c(1,3,12)

print(v1<v2)
print(v1>v2)
```

```
print(v1<=v2)</pre>
      print(v1>=v2)
      print(v1!=v2)
     [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE
     [1] TRUE FALSE FALSE
     [1] FALSE TRUE FALSE
     [1] FALSE TRUE TRUE
     [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE
     [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE
     4.3 Logical Operators
[74]: print(TRUE || TRUE)
      print(FALSE || TRUE)
      print(TRUE || FALSE)
      print(FALSE || FALSE)
     [1] TRUE
     [1] TRUE
     [1] TRUE
     [1] FALSE
[75]: print(TRUE && TRUE)
      print(FALSE && TRUE)
      print(TRUE && FALSE)
      print(FALSE && FALSE)
     [1] TRUE
     [1] FALSE
     [1] FALSE
     [1] FALSE
[76]: v1 <- c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)
      v2 <- c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE)
      print(v1&v2)
      print(v1|v2)
      print(!v1)
     [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE
     [1] FALSE TRUE
                     TRUE TRUE
     [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE
```

print(v1==v2)

The logical operator && and || considers only the first element of the vectors

```
[77]: v1 <- c(FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)
v2 <- c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)
print(v1&&v2)
print(v1||v2)

v3 <- c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE)
v4 <- c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)
print(v2&&v3)
print(v1&&v4)</pre>
```

- [1] FALSE
- [1] TRUE
- [1] TRUE
- [1] FALSE

4.4 Miscellaneous Operators

4.4.1 : Create a Vector Containing a Sequence of Numbers

```
[78]: v1 <- 1:10 print(v1)
```

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

4.4.2 %in% Check if a Variable Belongs to a Vector

```
[79]: print(3 %in% v1)
print(11 %in% v1)
```

- [1] TRUE
- [1] FALSE

4.4.3 %*% Matrix Multiplication

```
[80]: M1 <- matrix(1:6, nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
    M2 <- matrix(3:8, nrow = 2, ncol = 3)

cat("\n")
    print(M1)
    cat("\n")
    print(M2)

M_result <- M1 %*% M2

cat("\n")
    print(M_result)</pre>
```

```
[,1] [,2]
[1,]
      1
[2,]
       2
            5
[3,]
            6
       3
   [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]
       3
            5
[2,] 4
            6
    [,1] [,2] [,3]
     19
[1,]
          29
                39
[2,]
          40
      26
                54
[3,]
      33
           51
                69
```

5 Conditional Statements

5.1 if ... else statement

```
[81]: x <- 2 # Assign 2 to x

# A if-only statement
if (x < 4){
        cat("x is less than 4.\n\n")
}

x <- 5 # Assign 5 to x

# A if-else statement
if (x < 4){
        cat("x is less than 4.\n\n")
}else{
        cat("x is not less than 4.\n")
}</pre>
```

x is less than 4.

x is not less than 4.

5.2 if ... else if ... else statement

```
[82]: x <- 5 # Assign 5 to x

# A if-else statement
if (x < 4){
    cat("x is less than 4.\n\n")
}else if (x < 8){
    cat("x is not less than 4, but less than 8.\n")</pre>
```

```
}else{
    cat("x is not less 8.\n")
}
```

x is not less than 4, but less than 8.

```
[83]: x <- 10 # Assign 10 to x

# A if-else statement
if (x < 4){
    cat("x is less than 4.\n\n")
}else if (x < 8){
    cat("x is not less than 4, but less than 8.\n")
}else{
    cat("x is not less than 8.\n")
}</pre>
```

x is not less than 8.

5.3 switch statement

```
[84]: # Running a switch statement
x1 <- switch(2, "One", "Two", "None Matched")
print(x1)</pre>
```

[1] "Two"

```
[85]: # Define a list of indices
idx <- list(1,2,3)
# Give names to list elements
names(idx) <- c("Apple", "Orange", "Banana")

# Determine the output by a switch
x2 <- switch(idx$"Apple", "Apple", "Orange", "Banana")

cat("I got an", x2, ".\n")</pre>
```

I got an Apple .

6 Loops

6.1 repeat Loop

```
[86]: # Set the counter to be 0
count <- OL

# Start the repeat loop
repeat{</pre>
```

6.2 while Loop

```
[87]: # Set the counter to be 0
count <- OL

# Start the while loop
while (count < 5)
{
    count <- count + 1L # Increase the counter by 1
    cat("This is iteration #", count, ".\n", sep = "")
}</pre>
```

```
This is iteration #1.
This is iteration #2.
This is iteration #3.
This is iteration #4.
This is iteration #5.
```

6.3 for Loop

```
[1] 1 3 5 7 9

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

6.4 break and next

```
[89]: # Start the for loop
for (x in all_x){
    if (x > median(all_x)){ # Break the loop if x is larger than the median
        break
    }
    print(x)
}
```

- [1] 1
- [1] 3
- [1] 5

```
[90]: # Start the for loop
for (x in all_x){
    if (x == all_x[2]){ # Skip the iteration if x is equal to all_x[2]
        next
    }
    print(x)
}
```

- [1] 1
- [1] 5
- [1] 7
- [1] 9

7 Functions

7.1 Define a Function

```
[91]: # Define a function doing addition and print
add_and_print <- function(x1, x2){
      y <- x1 + x2
      print(y)
}

# Here we call the function in the loop
for (i in 1:4){
      add_and_print(i,2*i)</pre>
```

```
}
```

- [1] 3
- [1] 6
- [1] 9
- [1] 12

7.2 return Statement

```
[92]: # Define a function doing addition and **return**
add_and_print <- function(x1, x2){
    y <- x1 + x2
    return(y)
}

# Here we print the return of the called function in the loop
for (i in 1:4){
    print(add_and_print(i,2*i))
}</pre>
```

- [1] 3
- [1] 6
- [1] 9
- [1] 12