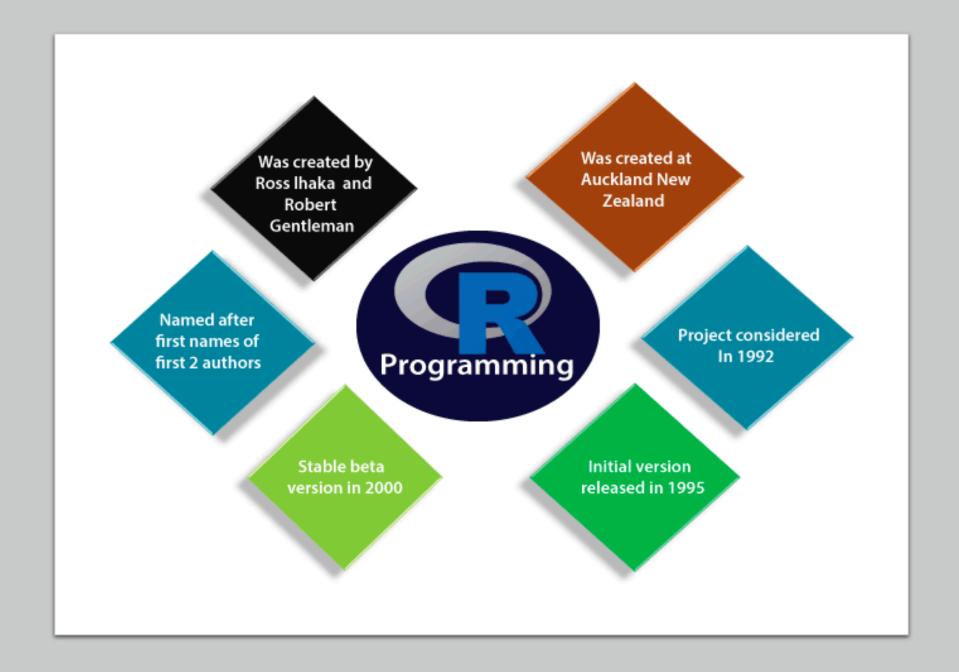
## STAT 2604 Lecture 1

Dr. Zhonghua Liu

Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science

The University of Hong Kong

What is R?



#### Why Learn R

#### Companies that use R for Analytics





Getting help

> help(solve)

> ?solve

> ?? solve

> example(topic)

>?help

# R commands, case sensitivity

R is an expression language

Case sensitive

All alphanumeric symbols and ", ' '

A name must start with '.' or a letter; if it starts with '.', the second cannot be a digit.

Unlimited in length

Commands are separated by ';' or a newline; grouped by '{ }'

Comments: #

## Recall and executing commands

Get command history

• Source ("commands.R")

• Sink(" ")

## Data permanency and removing objects

- Objects: variables, arrays, strings, functions..etc
- > objects()
- > ls()
- > rm()

Objects are written into a file called .Rdata

Command lines are saved to a file called .Rhistory

#### Vectors

Vectors and assignment

$$> X = c(1,2,3)$$

This is an assignment statement using the function "c()"

#### Vector arithmetic

- > z = 2\*x + y + 1, where x and y are vectors of the same length
- What if x and y have different length? Try it out

• sort(x)

order(x)

#### Regular sequences

- > 1:10
- > 2\*1:10
- > 30:1
- seq(-5,5,by=0.2)
- rep(x,times=5)
- Rep(x,each=5)

## Logical vectors

- Temp = 1 > 5
- &
- |
- FALSE =0
- TRUE=1

## Missing values

- NA
- is.na(x)
- x == NA
- What is 0/0
- is.nan(x)

#### Character vectors

- "I love R"
- Escape letter: \n, \t, \b
- ?Quotes
- paste()

```
labs = paste(c("X","Y"),1:10,sep="")
c("X1", "Y2", "X3", "Y4", "X5", "Y6", "X7", "Y8", "X9", "Y10")
```

#### Index vectors

- y <- x[!is.na(x)]
- x[1:10]
- c("x","y")[rep(c(1,2,2,1), times=4)]
- y <- x[-(1:5)]
- fruit <- c(5, 10, 1, 20)
- names(fruit) <- c("orange", "banana", "apple", "peach")</li>
- lunch <- fruit[c("apple","orange")]</li>
- x[is.na(x)] <- 0
- y[y < 0] <- -y[y < 0] or y <- abs(y)

## Other types of objects

- Matrices, arrays
- Factors
- Lists
- Data frames
- functions

#### Attributes and Class

- attr(z, "dim") <- c(10,10)
- class(x)
- OOP

#### Arrays and matrices

- x <- array(1:20, dim=c(4,5))</li>
- i < array(c(1:3,3:1), dim=c(3,2))
- Z <- array(data\_vector, dim\_vector)</li>
- ab <- a %o% b outer product</li>
- ab <- outer(a, b, "\*")</li>
- > f <- function(x, y)  $\cos(y)/(1 + x^2)$
- > z <- outer(x, y, f)
- > d <- outer(0:9, 0:9)
- > fr <- table(outer(d, d, "-"))
- > plot(fr, xlab="Determinant", ylab="Frequency")

## Matrix multiplication

A and B are square matrices of the same size, then

> A \* B

is the matrix of element by element products and

> A %\*% B

is the matrix product. If x is a vector, then

> x % \* % A % \* % x

is a quadratic form

## Linear equations

Solving linear equations is the inverse of matrix multiplication. When after

> b <- A %\*% x

only A and b are given, the vector x is the solution of that linear equation system. In R,

> solve(A,b)

solves the system, returning x (up to some accuracy loss).

## Eigenvalue and Eigenvectors

The function eigen(Sm) calculates the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a symmetric matrix Sm.

```
ev <- eigen(Sm)
evals <- eigen(Sm)$values</pre>
```

The function svd(M) takes an arbitrary matrix argument, M, and calculates the singular value decomposition of M

#### Forming partitioned matrices

- X <- cbind(arg\_1, arg\_2, arg\_3, ...)
- X <- cbind(1, X1, X2)

Frequency tables from factors

table(x,y)

#### Lists

• An R *list* is an object consisting of an ordered collection of objects known as its *components*.

```
Lst <- list(name="Fred", wife="Mary", no.children=3, child.ages=c(4,7,9))
```

#### **Concatenating lists**

list.ABC <- c(list.A, list.B, list.C)

#### Data frames

```
    accountants <- data.frame(home=statef, loot=incomes, shot=incomef)
attach()
detach()</li>
    read.table()
scan()
```

#### Writing your own functions

```
Two-sample t-test function

twosam <- function(y1, y2) {

n1 <- length(y1); n2 <- length(y2)

yb1 <- mean(y1); yb2 <- mean(y2);

s1 <- var(y1); s2 <- var(y2)

s <- ((n1-1)*s1 + (n2-1)*s2)/(n1+n2-2)

tst <- (yb1 - yb2)/sqrt(s*(1/n1 + 1/n2))

tst }
```

With this function defined, you could perform two sample *t*-tests using a call such as

• > tstat <- twosam(data\$male, data\$female); tstat

## The arguments

- Thus if there is a function fun1 defined by
- > fun1 <- function(data, data.frame, graph, limit) { [function body omitted] }

Then the function may be invoked in several ways, for example

- > ans <- fun1(d, df, TRUE, 20) > ans <- fun1(d, df, graph=TRUE, limit=20)
- > ans <- fun1(data=d, limit=20, graph=TRUE, data.frame=df)

are all equivalent.

• The '...' arguments

fun1 <- function(data, data.frame, graph=TRUE, limit=20, ...) { [omitted statements] if (graph) par(pch="\*", ...) [more omissions] }

## Scope

```
f <- function(x) {
  y <- 2*x
  print(x)
  print(y)
  print(z) }</pre>
```

x is a formal parameter, y is a local variable and z is a free variable.

## Lexical scope.

```
cube <- function(n) {
   sq <- function() n*n
   n*sq()
  }
## evaluated in R
> cube(2)
[1] 8
```

#### A bank account example in R

```
open.account <- function(total) {</pre>
  list(
    deposit = function(amount) {
      if(amount <= 0)
        stop("Deposits must be positive!\n")
      total <<- total + amount
      cat (amount, "deposited. Your balance is", total,
"\n\n")
    withdraw = function(amount) {
      if(amount > total)
        stop("You don't have that much money!\n")
      total <<- total - amount
      cat (amount, "withdrawn. Your balance is", total,
"\n\n")
    balance = function() {
      cat("Your balance is", total, "\n\n")
```

#### Run the function

```
ross <- open.account(100)
robert <- open.account(200)

ross$withdraw(30)
ross$balance()
robert$balance()

ross$deposit(50)
ross$balance()
ross$withdraw(500)</pre>
```

#### Flow controls

 The for() statement allows one to specify that a certain operation should be repeated a fixed number of times.

```
for (val in seq){
statement
}
```

Write a program for Fibonacci sequence

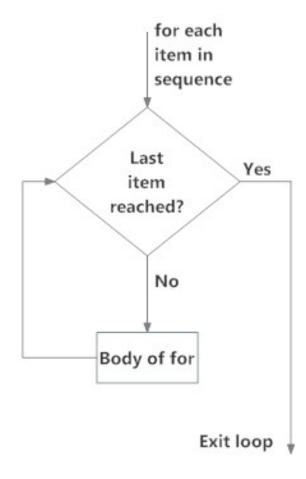


Fig: operation of for loop

## if() statement

- The if() statement allows us to control which statements are executed, depending on the values of some input or variables.
- Examples

if 
$$(x > 2)$$
  
y <-  $2*x$ 

else

$$y < -3*x$$

## while() loop

We want to repeat statements, but the pattern of repetition is not known in advance.

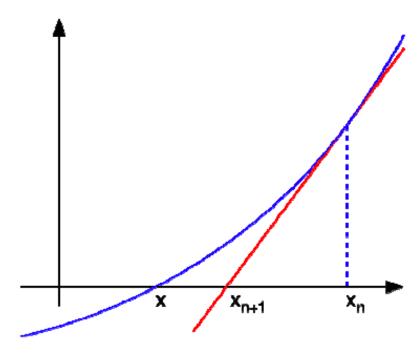
- We need to do some calculations and keep going as long as a condition holds.
- Exampleswhile (x.total < 100)</li>x.total <- x.total + runif(1)</li>
- From class: give an example of the while() loop

#### Exercise

 Newton's method for root finding using while loop

#### Find the root of an algebraic equation:

$$f(x)=0$$



#### Summary

- Course logistics
- what to expect
- everyone can contribute and learn from this
- R basics
  - Data types and structures, functions
  - Flow controls
- Personalized Homework