

R BASICS

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WHAT IS R?

R IS A COMPUTER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

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R version 3.3.0 (2016-05-03) -- "Supposedly Educational"  
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Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
```

```
R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.  
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.  
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.
```

```
  Natural language support but running in an English locale
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R is a collaborative project with many contributors.  
Type 'contributors()' for more information and  
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.
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Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or  
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.  
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> █
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##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	car
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##	Duster 360	14.3	8	360.0	245	3.21	3.570	15.84	0	0	3	
##	Merc 240D	24.4	4	146.7	62	3.69	3.190	20.00	1	0	4	
##	Merc 230	22.8	4	140.8	95	3.92	3.150	22.90	1	0	4	
##	Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.30	1	0	4	
##	Merc 280C	17.8	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.90	1	0	4	
##	Merc 450SE	16.4	8	275.8	180	3.07	4.070	17.40	0	0	3	

```
mean(mtcars$mpg)
```

```
## [1] 20.09062
```

```
summary(mtcars$mpg)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
##    10.40   15.42   19.20   20.09   22.80   33.90
```

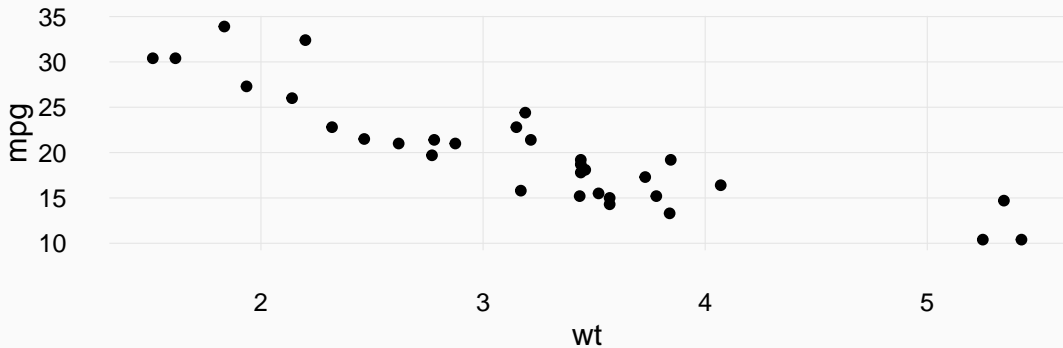
```
table(mtcars$cyl)
```

```
##
```

```
##  4  6  8
```

```
## 11  7 14
```

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(wt, mpg)) + geom_point()
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USING R

R is a great calculator

```
3 + 2
```

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

```
1.7729 ^ 4 * (1930 / 4)
```

```
## [1] 4766.881
```

ALGEBRA & FUNCTIONS

R can do algebra and functions

```
a <- 1
```

```
b <- 2
```

```
a + b
```

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

```
A <- 3
```

```
a + b - A
```

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

```
factorial(3)
```


YOU TRY!

What will be the output of:

```
round(round(2.391) + 7.21)
```

ASSIGNMENT

R uses `<-` for assignment.

```
a <- 4
```

```
a + 7
```

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

```
a <- a + 2
```

```
a + 7
```

```
## [1] 13
```

`a` is now referred to as an “object.” Pretty much anything R remembers is an object.

FUNCTIONS

Functions take arguments

```
myvector <- c(1, 5, 2, 7, 9, NA, 1)
mean(myvector, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] 4.166667
```

```
?rnorm
```

```
rnorm(5, 0, 1)
```

YOU TRY!

What's the square root of 3?

What's e^3

SCALARS, VECTORS, AND MATRICES

12

```
## [1] 12
```

Created with `c` (create) function:

```
c(1, 4, 2, -1)
```

```
## [1] 1 4 2 -1
```

created with the `matrix` function:

```
matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 1), nrow = 3)
```

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


DATA TYPES

YOU TRY!

What kinds of data exist here?

```
head(mtcars)
```

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We'll talk about four kinds of data

Something that is (TRUE) or isn't (FALSE)

```
4 == 6
```

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

```
class(TRUE)
```

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

NUMERIC

A number

```
class(7.12)
```

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

```
a <- 2.192
```

```
class(a)
```

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

CHARACTER

Character data is R's way of remembering letters

```
"My name is Alex"
```

```
## [1] "My name is Alex"
```

```
class("3.218")
```

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

```
class("TRUE")
```

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

Factors are R's way of remembering categories and labels

```
myfactor <- factor(c("a", "b", "c", "c", "b", "A"))  
myfactor
```

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

```
## Levels: a A b c
```

YOU TRY!

What class are the following:

```
x <- 3.18
```

```
"x"
```

```
x
```

Make a vector that contains a number, a letter, and FALSE. What's the class of the vector?

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- Coercing logical to numeric means TRUE = 1, FALSE = 0

What type will result:

`c(5, "a")`

`c(TRUE, "FALSE")`

`TRUE + 7`

A matrix can have only one data type:

```
matrix(c(1, 2, 3, "a", "b", "c", TRUE, FALSE, TRUE), ncol = 3)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
## [1,] "1"  "a"  "TRUE"  
## [2,] "2"  "b"  "FALSE"  
## [3,] "3"  "c"  "TRUE"
```

Lists and data frames allow for multiple data types

LISTS

A list is a one-dimensional group of objects:

```
mylist <- list(1, "r", FALSE)  
class(mylist)
```

```
## [1] "list"
```

```
length(mylist)
```

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

Elements in a list can be anything - including vectors and lists:

```
mylist2 <- list(c(1, 2, 3), TRUE, list(c(4, 5, 6), FALSE))
```

```
## [[1]]  
## [1] 1 2 3  
##  
## [[2]]  
## [1] TRUE  
##  
## [[3]]  
## [[3]][[1]]  
## [1] 4 5 6  
##  
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LISTS

Accessing elements of a list is a little weird:

```
mylist2[1]
```

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

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

```
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```

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YOU TRY!

Return the vector (4, 5, 6) from this list:

```
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```

YOU TRY (ANSWER)

```
mylist2[[3]][[1]]
```

```
## [1] 4 5 6
```

Objects in lists can have names:

```
mylist2 <- list(element1 = c(1, 2, 3),  
               element2 = TRUE,  
               element3 = list(c(4, 5, 6), FALSE))
```

Note: since `mylist2` already exists, we could have modified the names directly by calling:

```
names(mylist2) <- c("element1", "element2", "element3")
```

Which make them easier to access:

```
mylist2$element3
```

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

```
## [1] 4 5 6
```

```
##
```

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

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

```
mydata <- data.frame(x = 1:3,  
                     y = c(5, 11, 4),  
                     z = c("some", "fancy", "text"))
```

mydata

```
##   x  y    z  
## 1 1  5  some  
## 2 2 11 fancy  
## 3 3  4  text
```

```
mean(mydata$x)
```

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

```
mean(mydata[, 1])
```

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

```
mean(mydata[, "x"])
```

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

YOU TRY!

Make a data frame containing:

var1 - integers from 1 through 10

var2 - the sequence TRUE, FALSE repeated 5 times (hint: `?rep`)

What's the mean of **var1**? The mean of **var2**?

TYPES AND DIMENSIONS

	Single type	Multiple types
1D	Vector	List
2D	Matrix	Data frame
nD	Array	

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