

# A Gentle Introduction to R

## EXTRAS

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# Matrix math

- R can do *matrix math* — which are uses in many statistical procedures
  - ▶ But the *syntax* is different from the usual math operators
- Using a regular multiplication symbol (\*) results in *element*-wise multiplication
  - ▶ each *element* (item) in matrix1 is multiplied by the corresponding *element* in matrix2, etc.

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c(1, 2, 3) * c(3, 2, 1)
```

- *Matrix multiplication* is specified by this operator: %\*%

```
c(1, 2, 3) %*% c(3, 2, 1)
```