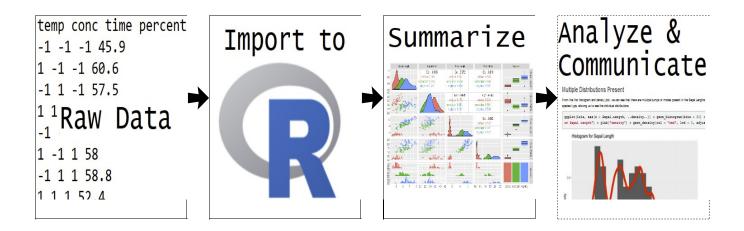
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R Programming: Data Objects

What is this course about?

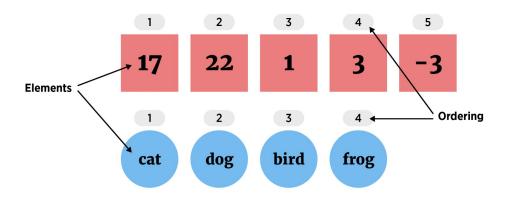


Lecture focus: How do we commonly store information in R?

Data Objects

- · Understand data structures first: Five major types
 - 1. Atomic Vector (1d)
 - 2. Matrix (2d)
 - 3. Array (nd) (not covered)
 - 4. Data Frame (2d)
 - 5. List (1d)

1. Atomic Vector (1D group of elements with an ordering)



- · Elements must be same 'type'
 - numeric (integer or double), character, or logical

- 1. Atomic Vector (1D group of elements with an ordering)
- Create with $_{\text{C}}$ () function ('combine')

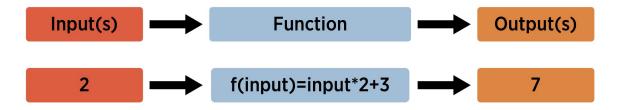
```
#vectors (1 dimensional) objects
x <- c(17, 22, 1, 3, -3)
y <- c("cat", "dog", "bird", "frog")
x

## [1] 17 22 1 3 -3

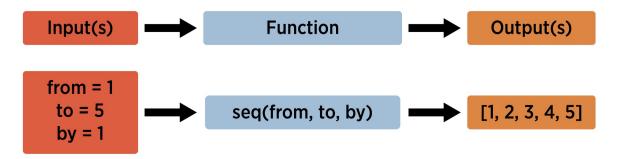
Y

## [1] "cat" "dog" "bird" "frog"</pre>
```

- · Many 'functions' output a numeric vector
- · Function concept:



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- Ex: seq()
 - Inputs = from, to, by (among others)
 - Output = a sequence of numbers



```
seq(from = 1, to = 1, by = ((to - from)/(length.out - 1)),
length.out = NULL, along.with = NULL, ...)

v <- seq(from = 1, to = 5, by = 1)
v</pre>
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
seq(from = 1, to = 1, by = ((to - from)/(length.out - 1)),
length.out = NULL, along.with = NULL, ...)

v <- seq(from = 1, to = 5, by = 1)
v

## [1] 1 2 3 4 5

str(v)

## num [1:5] 1 2 3 4 5</pre>
```

- num says it is numeric
- [1:5] implies one dimensional with elements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Shorthand seq() with:

1:20

[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Shorthand seq() with:

· R generally does elementwise math

```
1:20/20

## [1] 0.05 0.10 0.15 0.20 0.25 0.30 0.35 0.40 0.45 0.50 0.55 0.60 0.65 0.70 0.75

## [16] 0.80 0.85 0.90 0.95 1.00

1:20 + 1

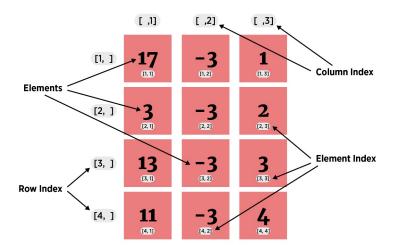
## [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
```

Help Files

- · Functions are ubiquitous in R!
- \cdot To find out about a function's arguments use <code>help()</code>
- · Understanding the syntax in the help files is key!
- Ex: Can create randomly generated values in any interval:
 - help(runif)

- 1. Atomic Vector (1D group of elements with an ordering)
- · Vectors useful to know about
- · Not usually useful for a dataset
- · Often consider as 'building blocks' for other data types

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```
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y <- rep(-3, times = 4)
z <- 1:4</pre>
```

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```
#populate vectors
x <- c(17, 3, 13, 11)
y <- rep(-3, times = 4)
z <- 1:4

## [1] TRUE

is.numeric(y)

## [1] TRUE

is.numeric(z)</pre>
```

- 2. Matrix (2D data structure)
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ (think) columns are vectors of the same \boldsymbol{type} and \boldsymbol{length}

#populate vectors	#check 'type'	#check 'length'
x < -c(17, 3, 13, 11)	is.numeric(x)	length(x)
$y \leftarrow rep(-3, times = 4)$ $z \leftarrow 1:4$		
2 <- 1;4	## [1] TRUE	## [1] 4
	is.numeric(y)	length(y)
	## [1] TRUE	## [1] 4
	ia numania(a)	longth (g)
	is.numeric(z)	length(z)
	## [1] TRUE	## [1] 4

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```
#populate vectors
x <- c(17, 3, 13, 11)
y <- rep(-3, times = 4)
z <- 1:4
#combine in a matrix
matrix(c(x, y, z), ncol = 3)

## [1,] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 17 -3 1
## [2,] 3 -3 2
## [3,] 13 -3 3
## [4,] 11 -3 4</pre>
```

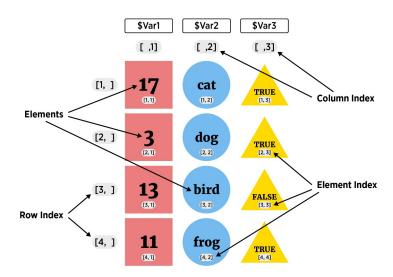
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```
x <- c("Hi", "There", "Friend", "!")
                                                 matrix(c(x, y, z), nrow = 6)
y <- c("a", "b", "c", "d")
z <- c("One", "Two", "Three", "Four")</pre>
                                                 ##
                                                         [,1]
                                                                  [,2]
is.character(x)
                                                 ## [1,] "Hi"
                                                                  "c"
                                                 ## [2,] "There"
                                                                  "d"
## [1] TRUE
                                                 ## [3,] "Friend" "One"
                                                 ## [4,] "!"
                                                                  "Two"
                                                 ## [5,] "a"
                                                                  "Three"
                                                 ## [6,] "b"
                                                                 "Four"
```

- 2. Matrix (2D data structure)
- \cdot (think) columns are vectors of the same ${f type}$ and ${f length}$
- · Useful for some data but often some numeric and some character variables:

brand	tar	nicotine	weight	CO
Alpine	14.1	0.86	0.9853	13.6
Benson	16.0	1.06	1.0938	16.6
CamelLights	8.0	0.67	0.9280	10.2
Carlton	4.1	0.40	0.9462	5.4
Chesterfield	15.0	1.04	0.8885	15.0
GoldenLights	8.8	0.76	1.0267	9.0
Kent	12.4	0.95	0.9225	12.3
Kool	16.6	1.12	0.9372	16.3
L&M	14.9	1.02	0.8858	
LarkLights	13 7	1 01	0 9643	13 0

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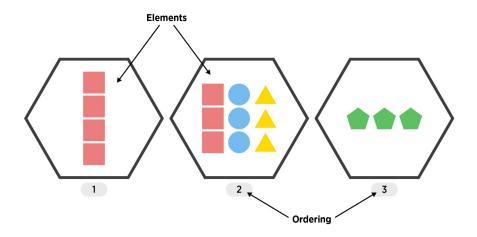
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- Create with data.frame() function

```
data.frame(char = x, data1 = y, data2 = z)
    char data1 data2
            1
## 1
       а
## 2
       b
            3
                 11
## 3
           4
      С
                 12
      d
           -1
                 13
           5
## 5
      е
                 14
       f
            6
                 15
```

 $\cdot\,$ char, data1, and data2 become the variable names for the data frame

- 4. Data Frame (2D data structure)
- · collection (list) of *vectors* of the same **length**
- Create with data.frame() function
- · Perfect for most data sets!
- · Most functions that read 2D data store it as a data frame

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- 5. List (1D group of objects with ordering)
- · a vector that can have differing elements
- Create with list()

```
list(1:3, rnorm(2), c("!", "?"))

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

## [[2]]
## [1] -2.081577 -1.484374
##

## [[3]]
## [1] "!" "?"
```

- 5. List (1D group of objects with ordering)
- · Add names to the list elements

```
list(seq = 1:3, normVals = rnorm(2), punctuation = c("!", "?"))

## $seq
## [1] 1 2 3
##
## $normVals
## [1] -1.1941854  0.8269273
##
## $punctuation
## [1] "!" "?"
```

- 5. List (1D group of objects with ordering)
- · a vector that can have differing elements
- Create with list()
- · More flexible than a Data Frame!
- · Useful for more complex types of data

Recap!

Dimension	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous
1d	Atomic Vector	List
2d	Matrix	Data Frame

- · For most data analysis you'll use data frames!
- · Next up: How do we access/change parts of our objects?

· How do we access different parts of our object?

- · How do we access different parts of our object?
- · For data may want
 - One element
 - Certain columns
 - Certain rows

Atomic Vectors (1D)

· Return elements using square brackets []

Atomic Vectors (1D)

· Can 'feed' in a vector of indices to return

```
letters[1:4]
## [1] "a" "b" "c" "d"

letters[c(5, 10, 15, 20, 25)]
## [1] "e" "j" "o" "t" "y"

x <- c(1, 2, 5); letters[x]
## [1] "a" "b" "e"</pre>
```

Atomic Vectors (1D)

- Return elements using square brackets []
- · Can 'feed' in a vector of indices to return
- Use negative indices to return without

```
letters[-(1:4)]
## [1] "e" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j" "k" "l" "m" "n" "o" "p" "q" "r" "s" "t" "u" "v" "w"
## [20] "x" "y" "z"

x <- c(1, 2, 5); letters[-x]
## [1] "c" "d" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j" "k" "l" "m" "n" "o" "p" "q" "r" "s" "t" "u" "v"
## [20] "w" "x" "y" "z"</pre>
```

Matrices (2D)

- \cdot Use square brackets with a comma [,]
- · Notice default row and column names!

```
mat <- matrix(c(1:4, 20:17), ncol = 2)
mat

## [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 1 20
## [2,] 2 19
## [3,] 3 18
## [4,] 4 17</pre>
```

Matrices (2D)

 \cdot Use square brackets with a comma [,]

Matrices (2D)

- · Can give columns names
- help(matrix) can show us how!

Matrices (2D)

· Can use columns names to subset

```
mat <- matrix(c(1:4, 20:17), ncol = 2,
                                                   mat[, "First"]
        dimnames = list(NULL,
              c("First", "Second"))
                                                   ## [1] 1 2 3 4
mat
##
   First Second
## [1,]
        1
                20
## [2,]
         2
               19
## [3,]
         3
               18
## [4,] 4
               17
```

Matrices (2D)

- \cdot Use square brackets with a comma [,]
- · Can use columns names to subset
- · Negative still removes but won't work with column name

```
mat[-c(1,3), -"First"]

## Error in -"First": invalid argument to unary operator

mat[-c(1,3), "First"]

## [1] 2 4
```

Data Frames (2D)

str(iris)

· Consider 'built-in' iris data frame

```
## 'data.frame': 150 obs. of 5 variables:
## $ Sepal.Length: num 5.1 4.9 4.7 4.6 5 5.4 4.6 5 4.4 4.9 ...
## $ Sepal.Width : num 3.5 3 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9 3.4 3.4 2.9 3.1 ...
## $ Petal.Length: num 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.5 ...
## $ Petal.Width : num 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 ...
```

\$ Species : Factor w/ 3 levels "setosa", "versicolor", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...

Data Frames (2D)

- · Data Frame is 2D similar to a matrix access similarly!
- Use square brackets with a comma [,]

```
iris[1:4, 2:4]
```

```
##
    Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
## 1
             3.5
                          1.4
## 2
             3.0
                         1.4
                                      0.2
## 3
            3.2
                         1.3
                                      0.2
## 4
             3.1
                          1.5
                                      0.2
```

Data Frames (2D)

- · Data Frame is 2D similar to a matrix access similarly!
- Use square brackets with a comma [,]

```
iris[1, ]
## Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1 5.1 3.5 1.4 0.2 setosa
```

Data Frames (2D)

· Can use columns names to subset

```
iris[ , c("Sepal.Length", "Species")]
```

##		Sepal.Length	Species	
##	1	5.1	setosa	
##	2	4.9	setosa	
##	3	4.7	setosa	
##	4	4.6	setosa	
##	5	5.0	setosa	
##	6	5.4	setosa	
##	7	4.6	setosa	
##	8	5.0	setosa	
##	9	4.4	setosa	
##	10	4.9	setosa	
##	11	5.4	setosa	
##	12	4.8	setosa	
##	13	4.8	setosa	
##	14	4.3	setosa	
##	15	5.8	setosa	
##	16	5.7	setosa	
##	17	5.4	setosa	
##	18	5.1	setosa	
##	19	5.7	setosa	
##	20	5.1	setosa	
##	21	5.4	setosa	
	22	5.1	setosa	
	23	4.6	setosa	
	24	5.1	setosa	
	25	4.8	setosa	
	26	5.0	setosa	
	27	5.0	setosa	
##	28	5.2	setosa	
##	29	5.2	setosa	
##	30	4.7	setosa	
##	31	4.8	setosa	
##	32	5.4	setosa	
##	33	5.2	setosa	
##	34	5.5	setosa	
##	35	4.9	setosa	
##	36	5.0	setosa	
##	37	5.5	setosa	
##	38	4.9	setosa	

Data Frames (2D)

· Dollar sign allows easy access to a single column!

iris\$Sepal.Length

```
## [1] 5.1 4.9 4.7 4.6 5.0 5.4 4.6 5.0 5.0 4.4 4.9 5.4 4.8 4.8 4.3 5.8 5.7 5.4 5.1 ## [19] 5.7 5.1 5.4 5.1 4.8 5.0 5.0 5.2 5.2 4.7 4.8 5.4 5.2 5.5 4.9 5.0 ## [55] 6.5 5.7 6.3 4.9 6.6 5.2 5.0 5.7 5.7 5.5 5.5 5.8 6.0 5.4 6.0 6.7 5.6 5.8 6.2 5.6 5.9 6.1 ## [91] 5.5 6.1 5.8 5.0 5.0 5.7 5.7 6.2 5.7 5.7 6.2 5.7 5.8 6.0 5.4 6.0 6.7 6.3 5.6 5.5 ## [109] 6.7 7.2 6.5 6.4 6.8 5.7 5.8 6.4 6.5 7.7 7.7 6.0 6.9 5.6 7.7 6.3 6.7 7.2 ## [127] 6.2 6.1 6.4 7.2 7.4 7.9 6.4 6.3 6.1 7.7 6.3 6.4 6.0 6.9 6.7 6.9 5.8 6.8 ## [145] 6.7 6.7 6.3 6.5 6.2 5.9
```

Data Frames (2D)

- Dollar sign allows easy access to a single column!
- Most used method for accessing a single variable
- · RStudio fills in options.
 - Type iris\$
 - If no choices hit tab
 - Hit tab again to choose

Data Frames (2D)

- · Data Frame is 2D similar to a matrix access similarly!
- \cdot Use square brackets with a comma [,]
- · Can use columns names to subset
- · Dollar sign allows easy access to a single column!

Lists (1D)

• Use single square brackets [] for multiple list elements

```
x <- list("HI", c(10:20), 1)
x

## [[1]]
## [1] "HI"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
##
## [[3]]
## [1] 1</pre>
```

Lists (1D)

· Use single square brackets [] for multiple list elements

```
x <- list("HI", c(10:20), 1)
x[2:3]

## [[1]]
## [1] 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
##
## [[2]]
## [1] 1</pre>
```

Lists (1D)

• Use double square brackets [[]] (or []) for single list element

```
x <- list("HI", c(10:20), 1)
x[1]

## [1] 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

## [[1]]
## [1] "HI"

x[[2]][4:5]

x[[1]]

## [1] "HI"</pre>
```

Lists (1D)

· If named list elements, can use \$

```
x <- list("HI", c(10:20), 1)
str(x)

## List of 3
## $ : chr "HI"
## $ : int [1:11] 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 ...
## $ : num 1

x <- list(First = "Hi", Second = c(10:20), Third = 1)
x$Second

## [1] 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20</pre>
```

Lists & Data Frames

Connection: Data Frame = List of equal length vectors

```
## List of 3
## $ First : chr "Hi"
## $ Second: int [1:11] 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 ...
## $ Third : num 1

str(iris)

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## $ Petal.Length: num 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.5 ...
## $ Petal.Width : num 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 ...
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```

Lists & Data Frames

• Connection: Data Frame = *List* of equal length vectors

```
typeof(x)

## [1] "list"

typeof(iris)

## [1] "list"
```

Lists & Data Frames

· Connection: Data Frame = List of equal length vectors

iris[[2]]

```
## [1] 3.5 3.0 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9 3.4 3.4 2.9 3.1 3.7 3.4 3.0 3.0 4.0 4.4 3.9 3.5 ## [19] 3.8 3.8 3.4 3.7 3.6 3.3 3.4 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.1 3.4 4.1 4.2 3.1 3.2 ## [55] 2.8 2.8 3.3 2.4 2.9 2.7 2.0 3.0 2.9 2.9 2.9 3.1 3.0 2.7 2.2 2.5 3.2 2.8 ## [73] 2.5 2.8 2.9 3.0 2.8 3.0 2.9 2.6 2.4 2.4 2.4 2.7 2.7 3.0 3.4 3.1 2.3 3.0 2.5 ## [91] 2.6 3.0 2.6 2.3 2.7 3.0 2.9 2.9 2.5 2.8 3.3 2.7 3.0 2.9 3.0 3.0 2.5 2.9 ## [109] 2.5 3.6 3.2 2.7 3.0 2.8 3.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.7 3.0 3.4 3.1 3.1 2.7 3.2 ## [127] 2.8 3.0 2.5 3.0 2.8 3.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.8 2.7 3.0 3.1 3.1 2.7 3.2 ## [145] 3.3 3.0 2.5 3.0 3.4 3.0
```

Partial Matching

Lists & Data Frames

With [[or \$ partial matching can be used

iris\$Sp

```
##
     [1] setosa
                   setosa
                             setosa
                                        setosa
                                                  setosa
                                                            setosa
##
     [7] setosa
                   setosa
                             setosa
                                        setosa
                                                  setosa
                                                            setosa
##
    [13] setosa
                   setosa
                             setosa
                                        setosa
                                                  setosa
                                                            setosa
##
    [19] setosa
                   setosa
                             setosa
                                                  setosa
                                        setosa
                                                            setosa
##
    [25] setosa
                   setosa
                             setosa
                                        setosa
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                                                            setosa
##
   [31] setosa
                   setosa
                             setosa
                                        setosa
                                                  setosa
                                                            setosa
##
    [37] setosa
                   setosa
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                                        setosa
                                                  setosa
                                                            setosa
##
    [43] setosa
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                                        setosa
                                                  setosa
                                                            setosa
##
    [49] setosa
                   setosa
                             versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor
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    [55] versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor
##
   [61] versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor
##
    [67] versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor
   [73] versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor
##
    [79] versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor
##
   [85] versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor
##
    [91] versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor versicolor
##
##
   [97] versicolor versicolor versicolor virginica virginica
   [103] virginica virginica virginica virginica virginica
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   [109] virginica virginica virginica virginica virginica
                                                            virginica
   [115] virginica virginica virginica virginica virginica
                                                            virginica
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  [127] virginica virginica virginica virginica virginica virginica
  [133] virginica virginica virginica virginica virginica
                                                            virginica
  [139] virginica
                 virginica virginica virginica virginica
  [145] virginica virginica virginica virginica virginica
                                                            virginica
## Levels: setosa versicolor virginica
```

Partial Matching

Lists & Data Frames

With [[or \$ partial matching can be used

```
iris[["Petal.Len", exact = FALSE]]

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Lists (1D)

- Use single square brackets [] for multple list elements
- Use double square brackets [[]] (or []) for single list element
- · If named list elements, can use \$

Recap!

Dimension	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous
1d	Atomic Vector	List
2d	Matrix	Data Frame

Basic access via

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• Atomic vectors - x [ ]
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- Matrices x [,]
- Data Frames x[,] or x\$name
- Lists x[], x[[]], or x\$name

What is this course about?

Basic use of R for reading, manipulating, and plotting data!

- · read and write basic R programs
- · import well formatted data into R
- · do basic data manipulation in R
- · produce common numerical and graphical summaries in R
- \cdot describe a use case of an analysis done in R