

# Lab 2: Introduction to R

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## 1. Introduction to R

### Notation

- The matrices are noted generally with bold font and capital letter :  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , etc.
- The column vectors are denoted with bold font but with lower case:  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , etc.
- The elements of a vector  $\mathbf{x}$  are denoted as  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$ , etc.
- The elements of a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  are denoted as  $x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1m}$ , or  $x_{11}, x_{21}, \dots, x_{mn}$ , etc.

### Vectors

- A vector  $\mathbf{x}$  of size  $m$  is a column of  $m$  elements (numbers):

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- The numbers  $x_i$  are elements of the vector  $\mathbf{x}$
- The transpose of the vector  $\mathbf{x}$  can be expressed as  $\mathbf{x}^T = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  (a row vector).
- The addition and subtraction of vectors of equals dimension is done element by element:

$$\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_2 + y_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m + y_m \end{bmatrix}$$

It is not possible add or subtract vectors with different dimension!.

- The scalar multiplication of a vector is element by element:

$$\lambda \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda x_1 \\ \lambda x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda x_m \end{bmatrix}$$

for any scalar  $\lambda$  ( a real number).

- Two vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  e  $\mathbf{y}$  are equals if they have the same dimension and each pair of elements are equals, for example  $x_i = y_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .
- • The scalar product (inner product) is  $\langle \vec{x}, \vec{y} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$  (commonly written so by the mathematicians). The statisticians denote this operation as  $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{y}$ .

Example in R: We have the vector  $\mathbf{x} = (1, 2, 3)^T$  and a vector  $\mathbf{y} = (4, 5, 6)^T$ . The scalar product is:  
 $1 * 4 + 2 * 5 + 3 * 6 = 32$ .

## Building vectors in R

The easy way to create a vector is using the function `c(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)`, that is:

```
x = c(1,2,3)
x
```

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

```
y = c(4,5,6)
y
```

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

`x y y` will be interpreted as a column vector or a row vector depending on the context. We can avoid any ambiguity or error in the declaration of the vector in R using the function `matrix (.,.,.)`, that is:

```
c = matrix(c(6,5,4), nrow=3, ncol=1,byrow=T)
d = matrix(c(3,2,1),3,1, byrow=T)
```

```
c
```

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

```
d
```

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

If we do not use the function `matrix (.,.,.)` then the vector have a `numeric()` class (not a matrix expressed as a column vector). Anyway, we can convert the numeric vector to a matrix as:

```
b = c(4,5,6)
b
```

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

```
class(b)
```

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

```
b = as.matrix(b)
b
```

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

```
class(b)
```

```
## [1] "matrix" "array"
```

It should be noted that the arguments `nrow()` and `ncol()` are assumed by default, but we can change the order of the elements in the matrix:

```
u = matrix(c( 3, 2, 1), 1, 3, byrow=T)
u
```

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

```
v = matrix(c(6,5,4), ncol=1, nrow=3, byrow=T)
v
```

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

## Additional

Other ways to create vectors in R:

```
x = 1:5
x
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
x = seq(1,5, by =0.25)
x
```

```
## [1] 1.00 1.25 1.50 1.75 2.00 2.25 2.50 2.75 3.00 3.25 3.50 3.75 4.00 4.25 4.50
## [16] 4.75 5.00
```

```
x = seq(10,1, by =-1)
x
```

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

```
x = rep(1, times = 5)
x
```

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

```
length(x)
```

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

```
rep(x, 2)
```

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

```
set.seed(1)                                # "seed"
x = sample(1:10, 5)
x
```

```
## [1] 9 4 7 1 2
```

## Operations with vectors:

```
u = 1:5                                    # To create the vector
v = rep(0.5, times = length(u))
u + v
```

```
## [1] 1.5 2.5 3.5 4.5 5.5
```

```
u * v
```

```
## [1] 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5
```

```
u^v
```

```
## [1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051 2.000000 2.236068
```

## Funcionts applied to vectors

```
x = 1:10
sqrt(x)                                # square root
```

```
## [1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051 2.000000 2.236068 2.449490 2.645751 2.828427
## [9] 3.000000 3.162278
```

```
sum(x)                                # sum
```

```
## [1] 55
```

```
prod(x)                                # product
```

```
## [1] 3628800
```

```
mean(x)           # mean of the vector
```

```
## [1] 5.5
```

```
var(x)           # variance of the vector
```

```
## [1] 9.166667
```

### Access to elements of a vector

```
x=c(3, 2, 1, 7, 5)      # to create a vector
```

```
x[4]                  # access to element 4
```

```
## [1] 7
```

```
x[2];x[5]             # access to element 2 and 5
```

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

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

```
x[1:3]; x[c(2,4,5)]    # access to sub-vectors
```

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

```
## [1] 2 7 5
```

```
x[4]= 4               # changing the value of an element
```

```
x
```

```
## [1] 3 2 1 4 5
```

```
x[-5]                 # remove the element 5
```

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

```
x = c( x[1:3],16, x[4:5] ) # insert the number 16 between the position 3 and 4
```

## Matrices

A matrix is a rectangular structure of real numbers, thus a matrix  $\mathbf{X}_{m \times n}$  is an rectangular “array” of scalar numbers such that:

$$\mathbf{X}_{m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns. Commonly the matrix is called of “dimension” or “order”  $m \times n$ . For the above we can say that  $\mathbf{X}$  have  $m$  and  $n$  dimensions. Sometimes the matrix also can be denoted as  $\mathbf{X} = (x_{ij})$ . For example,  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

is a matrix of dimension  $2 \times 3$ . The notation for  $x_{ij}$  indicates the elements of  $\mathbf{X}$ . Other types of characteristics are:

- A matrix is **square** if  $m = n$  (same number of rows and columns).
- A matrix with elements “0” is denoted as  $\mathbf{0}$
- A matrix is **symmetric** if  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{X}^T$ .
- A square matrix with all elements not on the diagonal equal to 0 is a **matrix diagonal**, for example  $x_{ij} = 0$  for all  $i \neq j$  (and  $x_{ii} \neq 0$  for at least  $i$ ).
- A diagonal matrix with 1’s in the diagonal and all others not on the diagonal 0 is denoted as  $\mathbf{I}_n$ . This matrix is also known as **identity matrix**.

$$\mathbf{I}_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Summary of functions in R for matrices:

- Access to a column of a matrix  $\mathbf{U}$ , the value  $j$  - th  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{U}[, j]$
- Access to a sub-set of a rows in a matrix  $\mathbf{U} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}[\mathbf{i}_1 : \mathbf{i}_2, ]$
- Access to a sub-set of a columns in a matrix  $\mathbf{U} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}[, \mathbf{j}_1 : \mathbf{j}_2]$
- Access to a sub-matrix of a matrix  $\mathbf{U} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U}[\mathbf{i}_1 : \mathbf{i}_2, \mathbf{j}_1 : \mathbf{j}_2]$
- Sum of  $\mathbf{U} + \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{V}$
- Subtract of  $\mathbf{U} - \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{V}$
- Multiplication of  $\mathbf{UV} \Rightarrow \mathbf{U} \% * \% \mathbf{V}$
- Transpose of  $\mathbf{U}^T \Rightarrow \mathbf{t}(\mathbf{U})$

- Matrix-vector product  $\mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \text{crossprod}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V})$
- Inverse of a matrix  $\mathbf{U}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{solve}(\mathbf{U})$
- Determinant of a matrix  $\mathbf{U}$ ,  $\det(\mathbf{A})$  or denoted also as  $|\mathbf{U}| \Rightarrow \text{det}(\mathbf{A})$
- Diagonal fo a matrix  $\mathbf{U} \Rightarrow \text{diag}(\mathbf{U})$
- Union of matrices by columns  $\mathbf{U}$  y  $\mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \text{cbind}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V})$
- Union de matrices by rows  $\mathbf{U}$  y  $\mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \text{rbind}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V})$
- Length of a vector  $\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \text{length}(\mathbf{x})$
- Dimension fo a matrix  $\mathbf{U} \Rightarrow \text{dim}(\mathbf{U})$



Examples:

```
A = matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6),nrow=2,ncol=3,byrow=F)
B = matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6),nrow=2,ncol=3,byrow=T)
A
```

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

```
B
```

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

```
A[1, ] # Access to the first row of A
```

```
## [1] 1 3 5
```

```
B[2, ] # Access to the second row of B
```

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

```
A[1, 3] # Access to the element of the row 1 and column 3 of the matrix A
```

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

```
B[2, 3] # Access to the element of the row 2 and column 3 of the matrix B
```

```
## [1] 6
```

## Operations with matrices

A + B

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    2    5    8
## [2,]    6    9   12
```

A - B

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    0    1    2
## [2,]   -2   -1    0
```

2\*B

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    2    4    6
## [2,]    8   10   12
```

Note: If  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices and we want to multiply  $A$  with  $B$ , it could be done when the number of columns in  $A$  is equal to the number of rows in  $B$ .

t(A) # *Transpose of A*

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

```
t(A)%*%B # Multiply the transpose of A with B
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
## [1,]    9   12   15  
## [2,]   19   26   33  
## [3,]   29   40   51
```

**Dimension and length of the vectors in matrices**

```
U = matrix(c(1,2,3,4,5,6),2,3)
```

```
dim(U) # Dimension of U
```

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

```
dim(t(U)) # Dimensión of the transpose of U
```

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

```
length(U) # Length of the elements in U
```

```
## [1] 6
```

## For loops in R

A for loop essentially iterates a process a number of times, indexed by a counter variable. The simplest example of a for loop is one which prints the numbers in a vector successively

```
u <- seq(0, 1, length=10)
for(i in 1:10)
{
  print(u[i])
}
```

```
## [1] 0
## [1] 0.1111111
## [1] 0.2222222
## [1] 0.3333333
## [1] 0.4444444
## [1] 0.5555556
## [1] 0.6666667
## [1] 0.7777778
## [1] 0.8888889
## [1] 1
```

To loop over a process that is indexed by more than one number we need to use one loop within another, commonly referred to as a nested loop. For example,

```
A = matrix(0, nrow = 4, ncol = 4)

  for(i in 1:4){
    for(j in 1:4){
      A[i,j] = j^i
    }
  }
print(A)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,]    1    2    3    4
## [2,]    1    4    9   16
## [3,]    1    8   27   64
## [4,]    1   16   81  256
```