



Unit 01

Introduction to R

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Overview

- What is R?
- Rstudio
- Setting Environment: R packages
- Basic R Coding



- R as a programming environment
 - R is a programming environment for statistical computing and graphics
 - R
 - serves as a data analysis and storage facility
 - is designed to perform operations on vectors and matrices
 - uses a well-developed but simple programming language (called s)
 - allows for rapid development of new tools according to user demand



Why R?

- R has many advantages as data analysis software:
 - Free
 - Free online books to learn R: Home | Bookdown
 - Powerful, intuitive graphics systems make it easy to produce publication-quality graphics
 - Easily create data analysis reports as documents and presentations for reproducibility with R Markdown
 - Many specialized packages featuring analysis tools not available in other software
- Disadvantage: frequent updates require maintenance



Installing R

https://cran.r-project.org



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The Comprehensive R Archive Network

Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, **Windows and Mac** users most likely want one of these versions of R:

- Download R for Linux (Debian, Fedora/Redhat, Ubuntu)
- Download R for macOS
- Download R for Windows

R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

Source Code for all Platforms

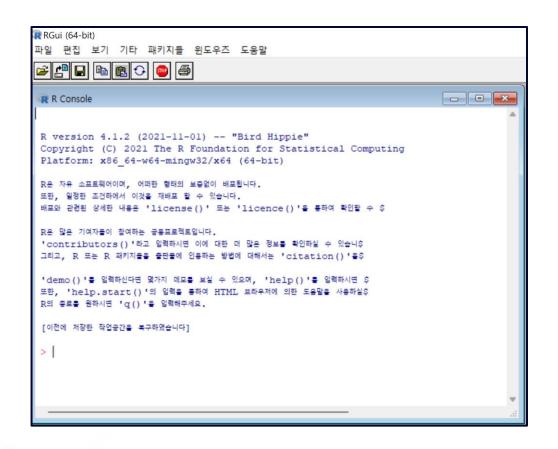
Windows and Mac users most likely want to download the precompiled binaries listed in the upper box, not the source code. The sources have to be compiled before you can use them. If you do not know what this means, you probably do not want to do it!

- The latest release (2022-06-23, Funny-Looking Kid) R-4.2.1.tar.gz, read what's new in the latest version.
- Sources of <u>R alpha and beta releases</u> (daily snapshots, created only in time periods before a planned release).
- Daily snapshots of current patched and development versions are <u>available here</u>. Please read about <u>new</u> <u>features and bug fixes</u> before filing corresponding feature requests or bug reports.
- Source code of older versions of R is available here.
- Contributed extension <u>packages</u>

Questions About R



Native R GUI





RStudio

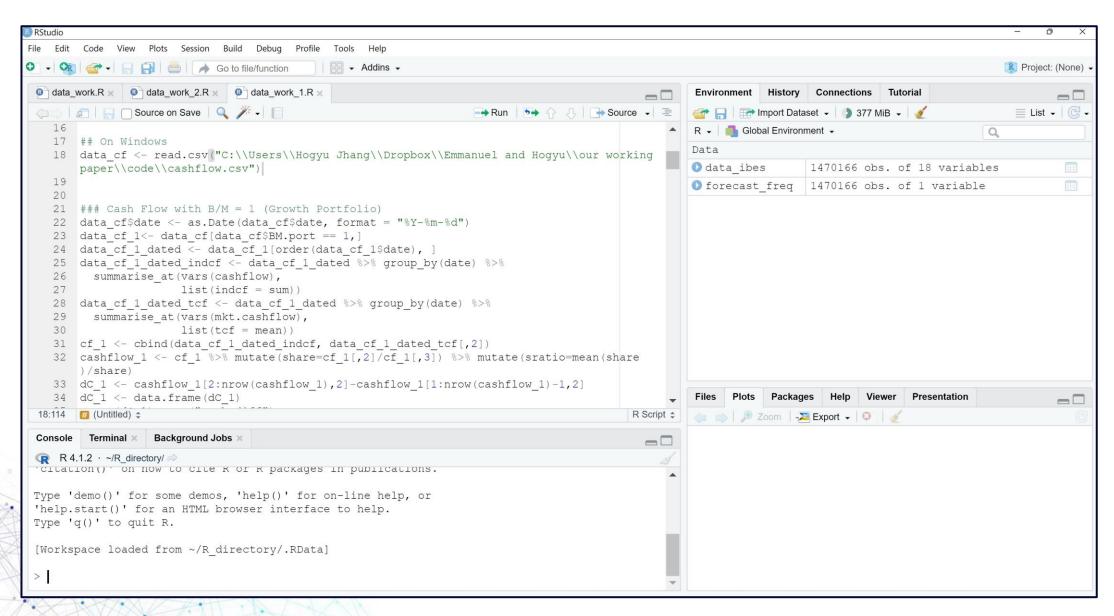
- You can work directly in R, but but most users prefer a graphical interface.
 Most of times, using RStudio, -- an integrated development environment
 (IDE) -- is highly recommend. RStudio features:
 - A console
 - A powerful code/script editor featuring
 - special tools for plotting, viewing R objects and code history
 - cheatsheets for R programming
 - tab-completion for object names and function arguments (enough reason by itself!)



- RStudio and Installation
 - https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download
 - A free version is enough



Rstudio and Installation





RStudio Script Editor

- we use the script editor to save our commands as a record of the steps we took to analyze our data. We can also issue R commands directly from the editor.
- File > New File > R Script
- Try 1+1 in the script editor.
- Save your R script with the name mycode.R.



- Help for R and RStudio
 - The RStudio Help menu menu contains links to many documents for help with both R (select R Help) and RStudio (see RStudio Docs and RStudio Community Forum)
 - In RStudio, one can always use cheatsheet by selecting Help menu → Cheatsheets → RStudio IDE Cheat Sheet. You can also download the cheatsheet as a .pdf.



- Environment: R packages
 - Base R and most R packages are available for download from the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN)
 https://www.cran.r-project.org.
 - Base R comes with a number of basic data management, analysis, and graphical tools.
 - However, R's power and flexibility lie in its array of packages (currently more than 15,000 on CRAN!)



- Installing Packages
 - To use packages, one must first install them using the install.packages() function, which typically downloads the package from CRAN and installs it for use.
 - Use the argument dependencies=TRUE to load all other packages required by the targeted package.

```
Install.packages("dplyr", dependencies=TRUE)
Install.packages("ggplot2", dependencies=TRUE)
Install.packages("rmarkdown", dependencies=TRUE)
Install.packages("shiny", dependencies=TRUE)
```



- Loading Packages
 - After installing a package, we can load it into the R environment using the library() or require() functions, which more or less do the same thing.
 - Functions and data structures within the package will then be available for use.

```
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(shiny)
```



Package Tutorials

- Many packages include vignettes longer, tutorial style guides for a package.
- To see a list of available vignettes for the packages that are loaded, use vignette() with no arguments.
 - Then to view a vignette, place its name inside vignette().



Basic R Coding

- Remember that we assign data to objects with (- or =.
- Character data (i.e. strings) are surrounded by "or '.
- In the script editor, create an object named a and assign it the character string "hello".

Tip

- The # character at the beginning of a line signifies a comment, which is not executed.



Functions and Help

- Functions perform most of the work on data in R.
- Functions in R are much the same as they are in math they perform some operation on an input and return some output. For example, the mathematical function $f(x) = x^2$, takes an input x, and returns its square. Similarly, the mean () function in R takes a vector of numbers and returns its mean.
- The inputs to functions are often referred to as arguments.
- Help files for R functions are accessed by preceding the name of the function with ?.
- Try opening the help file for log() with the code?log.



Function Arguments

- Values for arguments to functions can be specified either by name or position.
- For log(), we see the first argument is x, the number whose log we want to take, and the second is base, the base of the logarithm.

```
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                                 data_work_1.R x

□ data_work_2.R ×

                 log(x=100, base=10)
      log(8, 2)
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 > log(x=100, base=10)
 > log(8, 2)
```



Vectors

- Vectors, the fundamental data structure in R, are one-dimensional and homogeneous.
- A single variable can usually be represented by one of the following vector data types:
 - logical: TRUE or FALSE (1 or 0)
 - integer: integers only
 (represented by a number followed by L; e.g. 10L is the integer 10)
 - double: real numbers, also known as numeric
 - character: strings

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Example



apple	Orange	pear

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One-dimensional

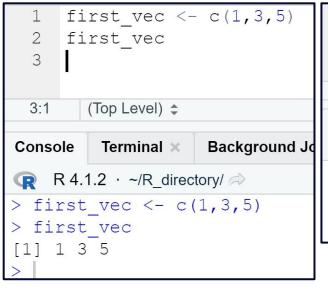
Homogeneous

Integer, character, double, and logical vector



Creating Vectors

• The c () function combines values of common type together to form a vector.



```
1 char_vec<-c("these", "are", "some", "words")
2 length(char_vec)

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> char_vec<-c("these", "are", "some", "words")
> length(char_vec)
[1] 4
> |
```

```
1 first_vec <- c(1,3,5)
2 first_vec > c(2,2,2)

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> first_vec <- c(1,3,5)

> first_vec > c(2,2,2)

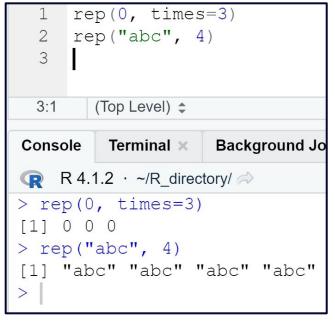
[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE

> |
```



Creating Vectors

The c() function combines values of common type together to form a vector.



```
1 3:7
2 rep(seq(1,3,1), times=2)
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> 3:7
[1] 3 4 5 6 7
> rep(seq(1,3,1), times=2)
[1] 1 2 3 1 2 3
>
```



Subsetting Vectors with []

```
a < -seq(10, 1, -1)
     a[2]
     a[seq(1,5)]
     a[c(1,3,4)]
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> a < -seq(10, 1, -1)
> a[2]
> a[seq(1,5)]
> a[c(1,3,4)]
[1] 10 8 7
```



Conditional Selection

```
scores < -c(55, 24, 43, 10)
    scores[c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)]
 3 scores < 30
     scores[scores<30]
 5:1
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> scores < - c(55, 24, 43, 10)
> scores[c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)]
[1] 24 43
> scores < 30
[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE
                       TRUE
> scores[scores<30]</pre>
[1] 24 10
```