

Lab 2: Data Structures in R

Environmental Data Analytics

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Objective

Discuss and navigate different data types in R - Vectors - Matrices - Arrays - Data frames

Data Types in R

R treats objects differently based on their characteristics. For more information, please see: <https://www.statmethods.net/input/datatypes.html>.

- **Vectors** 1 dimensional structure that contains elements of the same type.
- **Matrices** 2 dimensional structure that contains elements of the same type.
- **Arrays** Similar to matrices, but can have more than 2 dimensions. We will not delve into arrays in depth.
- **Lists** Ordered collection of elements that can have different modes.
- **Data Frames** 2 dimensional structure that is more general than a matrix. Columns can have different modes (e.g., numeric and factor). When we import csv files into the R workspace, they will enter as data frames.

Vectors

Creating Vectors

Add comments below that specify what kind of vectors are created. (First answer is provided.)

```
# Vectors ----  
vector1 <- c(1,2,5.3,6,-2,4) # Vector type: Numeric  
vector1
```

```
## [1] 1.0 2.0 5.3 6.0 -2.0 4.0
```

```
class(vector1)
```

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

```
vector2 <- c("one","two","three") # Vector type: Character
vector2
```

```
## [1] "one" "two" "three"
```

```
class(vector2)
```

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

```
vector3 <- c(TRUE,TRUE,TRUE,FALSE,TRUE,FALSE) # Vector type: Logical
vector3
```

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

```
class(vector3)
```

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

Vector Operations

Add comments below to indicate what each operation does.(First answer is provided.)

```
# Returns the 3rd item in the vector
vector1[3]
```

```
## [1] 5.3
```

```
# Returns the maximum value in the vector
max(vector1)
```

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

```
# Create another vector of the values 10 through 15
vector4 <- c(10:15)
```

```
# Combines vector 1 and 4
c(vector1, vector4)
```

```
## [1] 1.0 2.0 5.3 6.0 -2.0 4.0 10.0 11.0 12.0 13.0 14.0 15.0
```

```
# Multiplies the values in the respective positions in vectors 1 and 4 with each other
vector1 * vector4
```

```
## [1] 10.0 22.0 63.6 78.0 -28.0 60.0
```

```
# Multiplies the values in vector 1 by 10
vector1 * 10
```

```
## [1] 10 20 53 60 -20 40
```

```
# Changes vector 2 to uppercase
toupper(vector2)
```

```
## [1] "ONE" "TWO" "THREE"
```

```
# Produces the opposite results of vector 3
!vector3
```

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

Exercise 1a: Vector

Find a 5-day forecast of temperatures (Fahrenheit) for Durham, North Carolina. Create a vector representing the high temperature on each of the five days. <https://www.wunderground.com/forecast/us/nc/durham/KNCDURHA138>

```
#Assign to the variable 'temps_F' a vector of high temperatures in F

temps_F <- c(80, 80, 80, 74, 74)
#What is the average of these temperatures
meantemps_F <- mean(temps_F)

#Compute the difference between each temperature and the average calculated above
temps_F - meantemps_F
```

```
## [1] 2.4 2.4 2.4 -3.6 -3.6
```

```
#Subtract 32 and multiply by 5/9ths to create a vector in Celsius
temps_C <- (temps_F - 32)*5/9
```

Matrices

###Creating Matrices Complete the comments below:

```
# Matrices ----
matrix1 <- matrix(1:20, nrow = 5,ncol = 4) # Produces a matrix of numbers 1-20 with 5 rows and 4 columns
matrix1
```

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

```
#matrix1 has 5 rows and 4 columns

matrix2 <- matrix(1:20, nrow = 5, ncol = 4, byrow = TRUE) # Same as above, but numbers are ordered by row
matrix2
```

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

#matrix2 has 5 rows and 4 columns

```
matrix3 <- matrix(
  data = 1:20,
  nrow = 5,
  ncol = 4,
  byrow = TRUE, # return after comma continues the line
  dimnames = list(
    c("uno", "dos", "tres", "quatro", "cinco"),
    c("un", "deux", "trois", "quatre")
  )
)
```

Matrix Operations

Add comments in the code chunk below to indicate type of vectors created and what each operation does.

```
matrix1[4, 1] # Gives the value contained in the 4th row, 1st column
```

```
## [1] 4
```

```
matrix1[4, ] # Gives the values in the 4th row of the matrix
```

```
## [1] 4 9 14 19
```

```
matrix1[, 3] # Gives the values in the 3rd column
```

```
## [1] 11 12 13 14 15
```

```
matrix1[c(12, 14)] # Gives the values stored in the 12th and 14th cells in the matrix
```

```
## [1] 12 14
```

```
matrix1[c(12:14)] # Gives the values stored in the 12th through 14th cells in the matrix
```

```
## [1] 12 13 14
```

```
matrix1[2:4, 1:3] # Gives the values that are in the rows 2-4 and columns 1-3 of matrix 1
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    2    7   12
## [2,]    3    8   13
## [3,]    4    9   14
```

```

#Create a vector of 6 values
values = c(1, 26, 24, 68, 3, 44)
#Create a vector of row names
rnames <- c("R1", "R2")
#Create a vector of column names
cnames <- c("C1", "C2", "C3")

matrix4 <- matrix(
  data = values,
  nrow = 2,
  ncol = 3,
  byrow = TRUE,
  dimnames = list(
    rnames,
    cnames)
) # Creates a matrix with the values found in matrix with 2 rows, 3 columns, organized by row. The row names are R1 and R2. The column names are C1, C2, and C3.

matrix4 # Shows matrix 4 in console

```

```

##      C1 C2 C3
## R1   1 26 24
## R2  68  3 44

```

```

matrix4['R2','C1'] # 68

```

```

## [1] 68

```

Exercise 1b: Matrices

Compute the mean of column “C2” in matrix4. (Should be 14.5)

```

# Extract the column "C2" from the matrix
column_C2 <- matrix4[, "C2"]

# Compute the mean of the column
mean_C2 <- mean(column_C2)

# Display the result
mean_C2

```

```

## [1] 14.5

```

Lists

Creating Lists

```

# Lists ----
# Creating Lists
list1 <- list(

```

```

name = "Maria",
mynumbers = vector1,
mymatrix = matrix1,
age = 5.3)

```

List Operations

```
# List Operations
```

```
# Displays names, numbers, matrix, and age
list1
```

```

## $name
## [1] "Maria"
##
## $mynumbers
## [1] 1.0 2.0 5.3 6.0 -2.0 4.0
##
## $matrix
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
## [1,] 1    6   11   16
## [2,] 2    7   12   17
## [3,] 3    8   13   18
## [4,] 4    9   14   19
## [5,] 5   10   15   20
##
## $age
## [1] 5.3

```

```
# Displays number under age
list1$age
```

```
## [1] 5.3
```

```
# Displays the headers in the list
names(list1)
```

```
## [1] "name"      "mynumbers" "matrix"     "age"
```

```
# Displays the first 2 items in the list
list1[1:2]
```

```

## $name
## [1] "Maria"
##
## $mynumbers
## [1] 1.0 2.0 5.3 6.0 -2.0 4.0

```

```
# Changes name from Maria to Janelle
list1$name = "Janelle"

# Changes age from 5.3 to 44
list1[[4]] = 44
```

Data Frames

Creating dataframes

```
# Data Frames ----
# Create three vectors of equal length
d <- c(1, 2, 3, 4) # What type of vector? numeric
e <- c("red", "white", "red", NA) # What type of vector? character
f <- c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE) # What type of vector? logical

# Combine the vectors into a dataframe
dataframe1 <- data.frame(d,e,f)

# Set the column names & View
names(dataframe1) <- c("ID","Color","Passed"); # View(dataframe1) # view data frame in another tab

# Add a new column to the dataframe
dataframe1$month <- c('Jan','Feb', 'Mar', 'Apr')
```

Dataframe operations

```
# Extract a column from the dataframe f
dataframe1$Color
```

```
## [1] "red" "white" "red" NA
```

```
# Extract a row
dataframe1[2,]
```

```
## ID Color Passed month
## 2 2 white TRUE Feb
```

```
# Extract several rows
dataframe1[1:2,]
```

```
## ID Color Passed month
## 1 1 red TRUE Jan
## 2 2 white TRUE Feb
```

```
# Extract a column
dataframe1[,1]
```

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

```
#Extract a column/columns from their name  
out1 <- dataframe1['Color']; class(out1)
```

```
## [1] "data.frame"
```

```
out2 <- dataframe1$Color; class(out2)
```

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

```
out3 <- dataframe1[c("ID", "Passed")]; class(out3)
```

```
## [1] "data.frame"
```