

Statistical Computing with R

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Review Preview

- Basics of R
 - Chapter from “R for Everyone” book
 - **We will discuss today based on this chapter!**
- Basics of coding in R
 - Chapter from “Hands-on Programming with R” book
 - **You must read this for the next class!**

Basics of R

- $> 4 * 6 + 5$
 - $(4 * 6) + 5$
 - $4 * (6 + 5)$
 - $(4 + 6)^2 * 5 / 10 + 9 - 1$
 - ?
- R can do Math!
 - It follows PEMDAS rule
 - **P**arenthesis, **E**xponents, **M**ultiplication, **D**ivision, **A**ddition and **S**ubtraction
 - **BODMAS** rule?

Variables in R: assigning and removing

- `x <- 2` (preferred)
- `x = 2`
- `2 -> x`
- `assign("x", 2)`
- `rm(x)`
- Variable names can contain any combination of alphanumeric characters along with period(.) and underscore (_) e.g. **age.group** or **age_group**
- However, they cannot start with a number or an underscore e.g. **_age** or **5age**
- Best practice is to use actual names, usually nouns for variables instead of single letter e.g. **age**, **sex**

R is case sensitive

- `theVariable <- 17`
- will give error if we type:
- `TheVariable`
- `THE VARIABLE`
- `Age <- 50`
- will be different for:
- `age`
- `AGE`

Data Types

- Numeric
- `x <- c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)`
- **Type of data can be checked using `class()` function**
- For numeric “class” and “is.numeric” both works:
- `class(x)`
- `is.numeric(x)`

Data Types

- Integer
- `x <- c(1:9)` or `c(1L:9L)`
- Or
- `X <- c(1L,2L,3L,4L,5L,6L,7L,8L,9L)`
- For integer “class” and “is.numeric” both works:
- `class(x)`
“integer”
- `is.numeric(x)`
TRUE **(why?)**

R promotes “integers” to “numeric” **when needed**

#Multiply integer by **numeric in decimal values**

- $4L * 2.8$

#Divide integer by integer **giving decimal value**

- $5L / 2L$

#Will not promote to numeric here

- $4L * 5L$

#Will also not promote here

- $2L + 4L + 5L$

- `class(4L)`
- `class(2.8)`
- `class(4L * 2.8)`

- `class(5L)`
- `class(2L)`
- `class(5L/2L)`

- `class(4L * 5L) (?)`
- **`class(2L + 4L + 5L)`**

Data Types

- Character

- `x <- "data"`

- Factor

- `y <- factor("data")`

- `x`

- `class(x)`

- `nchar(x)`

- `y`

- `class(y)`

- `nchar(y)`

Factors and attributes in R:

- Factor is used to create and store categorical variable in R like Sex (Male/Female), Blood group (A, B, AB, O) and Blood Rh factor (Positive/Negative) etc. **We will need this for supervised learning!**
- `> gender <- factor(c("male", "female", "female", "male"))`
- `> typeof(gender)` `#datatype`
- `> attributes(gender)` `#Levels and class`
- `> unclass(gender)` `#Check how it is stored in R`

```
gender <- factor(c("male", "female", "female", "male"))

typeof(gender)
## "integer"

attributes(gender)
## $levels
## [1] "female" "male"
##
## $class
## [1] "factor"
```

You can see exactly how R is storing your factor with `unclass` :

```
unclass(gender)
## [1] 2 1 1 2
## attr(,"levels")
## [1] "female" "male"
```

<https://rstudio-education.github.io/hopr/r-objects.html#attributes>

Data Types

- Date
 - To store date
 - POSIXct
 - To store date and time
 - Easier manipulation of date and time objects can be accomplished using “lubridate” and “chron” packages
- `date1 <- as.Date("2023-03-29")`
 - `date1`
 - `class(date1)`
 - `as.numeric(date1)`
 - `date2 <- as.POSIXct("2023-03-29 06:30")`
 - `date2`
 - `class(date2)`
 - `as.numeric(date2)`

Data Types

- Logical

- TRUE (=1)

- FALSE (=0)

- TRUE * 5

- FALSE * 5

#Class and check:

- k <- TRUE

- class(k)

- is.logical(k)

Logical Data Types

- $2 == 3$ (FALSE)
- $2 != 3$ (TRUE)
- $2 < 3$ (TRUE)
- $2 <= 3$ (TRUE)
- $2 > 3$ (FALSE)
- $2 >= 3$ (FALSE)
- "data" == "stats" (FALSE, why?)
- "data" < "stats" (TRUE, why?)

Vectors

- A vector is collection of elements, all of the same type.
- Vector in R is like a set with different types of data
- R is a vectorized language
- Vectors do not have dimension
- Vectors in R are not like the mathematical vector
- Column and row vectors can be represented as one-dimensional matrices, however!

Vectors and its operation in R

- `x <- c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)`
- `x` is a vector containing 10 elements
- `c` stands for “combine”
- It combines multiple elements into a vector
- Shortcut is: `1:10` or `10:1` or `-2:3` or `5:-7`
- `x * 3` #Multiplication by a scalar
- `x + 2` #Addition with a scalar
- `x - 3` #Subtraction with a scalar
- `x / 4` # Division by a scalar
- `x^2` #Exponentiation by a scalar
- `sqrt(x)` #Square root

Extending vector operations in R

#Two vector of equal length

- `x <- 1:10`
- `y <- -5:4`

- `x+y`
- `x-y`
- `x*y`
- `x/y`
- `x^y`

• #Check length of the vector

- `length(x)`
- `length(y)`
- `length(x+y)`

Extending vector operations in R

#Two vectors of unequal length

- `x <- 1:10`
- `z <- c(1,2)`
- `x+z`
- Shorter vector get recycled i.e. its elements are repeated, in order, until they have been matched up with every element of the longer vector

#Two vectors of unequal length

- `x <- 1:10`
- `w <- c(1,2,3)`
- `x+w`
- If the longer one is not a multiple of shorter one, warning is given

Extending vector operations in R

#Comparing vectors

$x \leq 5$

$x > y$

$x < y$

- # Using “any” and “all”
- $x \leftarrow 10:1$
- $y \leftarrow -4:5$
- $\text{any}(x < y)$
- $\text{all}(x < y)$
- #Using “nchar”
- $\text{nchar}(y)$

Extending vector operations in R

#Assessing individual elements of a vector

- `x[1]` retrieves first element of `x`
- `x[1,2]` retrieves first and second elements of `x`
- `x[c(1,4)]` retrieves?

#Giving names to a vector

#Name value pair

```
c(One="a", Two="y", Last="r")
```

#Create vector then name it

```
w <- 1:3
```

```
names(w) <- c("a", "b", "c")
```

```
w
```

Calling in-built functions in R

We have already used

- nchar
- length
- as.Date
- as.POSIXct

#We can also use

- mean, var, sd
- round
- factorial

#Getting details of a sensed
function

aproos("mea")

Missing data in R

- R has two types of missing data
 - NA
 - NULL
- Statistical programs use various techniques to represent missing data such as dash, a period or even the number 99
- R uses NA
- NA is represented as just another elements of a vector

NA type missing data in R

- `zchar <- c("Hockey", NA, "Cricket")`
- `nchar(z)`
- `z <- c(1,2,NA,8,3,NA,3)`
- `mean(z)`
- Missing data can be handled using multiple imputation with `mi`, `mice` and `Amelia` packages

#The "is.na" function tests each element of vector for missingness

- `is.na(z)`

#The `na.rm` function with `=TRUE` argument will remove NA so that we can get values for:

- `mean(z, na.rm=TRUE)`
- `var(z, na.rm=TRUE)`
- `sd(z, na.rm=TRUE)`

NULL type missing data in R

- NULL is the absence of anything
 - It is “nothingness”
 - Functions can sometimes return NULL and their arguments can be NULL
 - NULL is atomical and cannot exist with a vector
- `z <- c(1, NULL, 3)`
 - `z`
 - `[1] 1 3`
 - `is.null(z)`
 - `d <- NULL`
 - `is.null(d)`
 - `is.null(7)`

Pipes in R

- A new convention for calling functions in R is the pipe
- The pipe comes from the “magrittr” package **BUT starting R 4.0.0 it has in-built pipe now**
- `x <- 1:10`
- `mean(x)`
- Mean of x with pipe:
- `library(magrittr)`
- `x %>% mean`
- It works by taking the value or object on the left hand side of the pipe and inserting it into the first argument of the function that is on the right-hand side of the pipe

Chained pipes in R

- Pipes are most useful when used in a pipeline to chain together a series of function calls
- Given a vector `z` that contains numbers and NAs, we want to find out how many NAs are present
- Pipes is negligible slower than nesting; but not a bottleneck

#Traditionally we do it by nesting

- `z <- c(1,2,NA,8,3,NA,3)`
- `sum(is.na(z))`

#Pipes, without nesting

- `z %>% is.na %>% sum`

#Additional argument

`z %>% mean(na.rm=TRUE)`

Advanced data structures in R

- Data Frame (data.frame)
- In R data.frame, each column is a vector, each of which has the same length and same type
- It lets each column holds a different type of data
- `x <- 10:1`
- `y <- -4:5`
- `q <- c("Hockey", "Football", "Baseball", "Kabaddi", "Rugby", "Pingpong", "Basketball", "Tennis", "Cricket", "Volleyball")`
- `theDF <- data.frame(x, y, q)`
- `theDF`

Advanced data structures in R

- `theDF <- data.frame(First=x, Second=y, Sport=q)`
- `names(theDF)`
- `names(theDF)[3]`
- `rownames(theDF)`
- `rownames(theDF) <- c("One", "Two", "Three", "Four", "Five", "Six", "Seven", "Eight", "Nice", "Ten")`
- Setting them back to generic index
- `rownames(theDF) <- NULL`
- `rownames(theDF)`

Advanced data structures in R

#Printing first few rows

- `head(theDF)`

#Printing first seven rows

- `head(theDF, n=7)`

Printing last few rows

- `tail(theDF)`

- `class(theDF)`

#Structure of data frame by variables

- `str(theDF)`

- `theDF[3,2]; theDF[3, 2:3]`

- `theDF[, 3]; theDF[3,]`

- `theDF[, c("First", "Sport")]`

- `theDF[, "Sport", drop=FALSE]`

Lists in R

- Often a container is needed to hold arbitrary objects of either the same type or varying types
- R accomplishes this through lists
- They store any number of items of any type; **it will be helpful hold large texts with numbers and symbols and mining it**
- A list can contain all numerics or characters or a mix of two or data.frame or, recursively, other lists
- Lists are created with list function where each argument to the function becomes an element of the list

Lists in R

#Three element list

- `list1 <- list(1,2,3)`

#Single element list

- `list2 <- list(c(1,2,3))`

#Two vector list

- `list3 <- list(c(1,2,3), 3:7))`

#List with data.frame and vector

- `list4 <- list(theDF, 1:10)`

#Three element list

- `list5 <- list(theDF, 1:10, list3)`

#Names of the list

- `names(list5)`
- `names(list5) <- c("data.frame", "vector", "list")`
- `names(list5)`
- `list5`
- `list6 <- list(TheDataFrame=theDF, TheVector=1:10, TheList=list3)`
- `names(list6)`

Access elements of list

- Use double square brackets
- Specify either the **element number or name**
- `list5[[1]]`
- `list5[["data.frame"]]`
- This allows access to only one element at a time

#Accessed element manipulation

- `lists5[[1]]$Sport` **#Sport variable**
- `lists5[[1]][, "Second"]`
- `lists5[[1]][, "Second", drop=F]`
- `length(list5)`

#Adding new element

- `list5[[4]] <- 2`
- `list5[["NewElement"]] <- 3:6`
- `names(list5) & list5`

Matrices in R

- This is similar to a data.frame
 - It is rectangular with rows and columns except that every single element must be the same type, most commonly all numerics
 - They also act similarly to vectors with elements to element addition, multiplication etc.
- `A <- matrix(1:10, nrow=5)`
 - `B <- matrix(21:30, nrow=5)`
 - `C <- matrix(21:40, nrow=2)`
 - `nrow(A)`
 - `ncol(B)`
 - `dim(C)`
 - `A + B; A * B; A - B; A = B`

Matrix multiplication and names in R

- **Matrix multiplication of A and B matrices?**

- Number of columns of the left hand matrix to be same as number of rows of right hand matrix

- `A %*% C` **will work**
 - `A %*% B` **will not work**

- Both A and B are 5 x 2 matrices so we will transpose B

- `A %*% t(B)`

#Column/row names of matrix:

- `colnames(A)`
- `colnames(A) <- c("Left", "Right")`
- `rownames(A) <- c("1st", "2nd", "3rd", "4th", "5th")`
- **`t(A)`**
- `colnames(B) <- c("First", "Second")`
- `rownames(B) <- c("One", "Two", "Three", "Four", "Five")`

Arrays in R

- An array is essentially a multidimensional vector
- It must be of the same type, and individual elements are accessed in a similar fashion using square brackets
- **Very useful for creating and/or replicating multi-way tables in R**
- Array: first element is the row index, the second is the column index and remaining elements are for outer dimensions
- `theArray <- array(1:12, dim=c(2,3,2))`
 - 2 dimensional matrices both with 2 rows and 3 columns
- `theArray [1, ,]` 1st row of both
- `theArray[1, ,1]` 1st row of first
- `theArray[,1,]` 1st column of both

Questions/queries?

- Next session:
- **R Studio and use for coding, data manipulation and analysis**

Thank you!

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