Variables - Objects

Everything, (vector, factor, matrix, array, list, data.frame), is an **object**, which also has a **type** and belongs to a **class**:

```
3+5
[1] 8
typeof(3)
[1] "double"
class(3) # "class" and "mode" can be used interchangeably
[1] "numeric"
typeof(`+`)
[1] "builtin"
Use the "str" function() - It is a good summary command
str(3)
num 3
```

Variables - Objects - Numeric

The four primary variable classes are: **numeric**, character, factor, and dates. Its important to know how to manipulate these and , if necessary, convert between them.

Don't rush through these basic concepts as you will almost always have to change the type of a given variable to apply a function or statistical procedure.

```
var1 = 3
var1
[1] 3

sqrt(var1)
[1] 1.732051

var1 = 33.3

str(var1)
  num 33.3
```

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```
myvar = 5

myvar + myvar # Addition
[1] 6

myvar - myvar # Subtraction
[1] 0

myvar * myvar # Multiplication
[1] 9

myvar / myvar # Division
[1] 1

myvar ^ myvar # myvar raised to the power of myvar
[1] 3125
```

Variables - Objects - Numeric

Its worth pointing out that there is a distinction between integers and real values. Don't worry too much about this now but keep it in mind. If you really want an integer then you have to "ask" for it:

```
aa = 5
class(aa)
[1] "numeric"
str(aa)
 num 5
aa = as.integer(aa) # We use a "coercion" function here
class(aa)
[1] "integer"
aa = 5.67
as.integer(aa) # Truncates the value - note it doesn't round.
[1] 5
```

Variables - Objects - Character

Character strings are possible also. This variable type is for when you wish to store informative labels about something. Generally speaking string variables are "descriptive" whereas numeric variables are quantitative.

```
var.one = "Hello there ! My name is Steve."
var.two = "How do you do ?"
var.one
[1] "Hello there! My name is Steve."
nchar(var.one) # Number of characters present
[1] 31
toupper(var.one)
[1] "HELLO THERE ! MY NAME IS STEVE."
mydna = c("A", "G", "T", "C", "A")
# See BioConductor http://www.bioconductor.org/
str(mydna)
 chr [1:5] "A" "G" "T" "C" "A"
mydna
[1] "A" "G" "T" "C" "A"
```

Variables - Objects - Character

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```
paste(var.one,var.two)
[1] "Hello there! My name is Steve. How do you do?"
paste(var.one, var.two, sep=":")
[1] "Hello there! My name is Steve.: How do you do?"
strsplit(var.one," ")
[[1]]
[1] "Hello" "there" "!" "My" "name" "is" "Steve."
patientid = "ID:011472:M:C" # Encodes Birthday, Gender, and Race
strsplit(patientid,":")
[[1]]
[1] "ID" "011472" "M" "C"
bday = strsplit(patientid,":")[[1]][2] # Get just the birthday
```

In many cases dates are treated as characters when printing. However, dates can be operated upon arithmetically. If you work a lot with dates then consider working with the "zoo" package which handles Time Series data quite well.

```
Sys.Date()
[1] "2011-08-01"
Sys.Date()+1
[1] "2011-08-02"
string = "2011-04-27"
class(string)
[1] "character"
as.Date(string)
[1] "2011-04-27"
# Careful ! If you don't quote the date or coerce it then things
# like this can happen:
> 2011/03/12
[1] 55.86111
```

If your input dates are not in the standard format, a format string can be composed using the elements shown in Table . The following examples show some ways that this can be used:

```
as.Date("03/17/1996")
Error in charToDate(x):
   character string is not in a standard unambiguous format
```

```
as.Date("03/17/1996",format="%m/%d/%Y")
[1] "1996-03-17"

as.Date('1/15/2001',format='%m/%d/%Y')
[1] "2001-01-15"

as.Date('April 26, 2001',format='%B %d, %Y')
[1] "2001-04-26"
```

Code	Value		
%d	Day of the month (decimal number)		
&m	Month (decimal number)		
%b	Month (abbreviated)		
%B	Month (full name)		
%у	Year (2 digit)		
& Y	Year (4 digit)		

[1] "2012-10-27"

as.Date("2012-10-27")

Once you get your date formatted you can access parts of it easily:

```
my.date = as.Date("2012-10-27")
my.date - 1
[1] "2012-10-26"
format(my.date,"%Y") # Note all of these are character strings
[1] "2012"
format(my.date,"%b")
[1] "Oct"
format(my.date,"%y")
[1] "12"
format(my.date,"%b %d")
[1] "Oct 27"
format(my.date,"%b %d, %Y")
[1] "Oct 27, 2012"
```

```
Code Value
     Day of the month (decimal number)
%d
     Month (decimal number)
&m
     Month (abbreviated)
₽b
     Month (full name)
&B
     Year (2 digit)
&y
     Year (4 digit)
&Y
```

The difftime function let's us pass character strings to it.

```
difftime("2005-10-21 08:32:58","2003-8-15 09:18:05")
```

Time difference of 797.9687 days

Here is one way to deal with date strings say from an Excel file. Let's say that the dates are in month/day/year format:

```
strptime(c("03/27/2003","03/27/2003","04/14/2008"),format="%m/%d/%Y")
"2003-03-27" "2003-03-27" "2008-04-14"
```

```
rdates
                                                           В
   Release
                    Date
                                               2007-09-05 $
                                                           590.00
        1.0 2000-02-29
1
                                               2007-09-15 $
                                                           791.00
2
        1.1 2000-06-15
                                               2007-10-30 $
                                                          982.00
3
                                              2007-08-28 $ 889.00
        1.2 2000-12-15
                                              2007-10-05 $ 210.00
4
        1.3 2001-06-22
                                               2007-09-17 $ 349.00
5
        1.4 2001-12-19
                                               2007-10-09 $
                                                          693,00
6
        1.5 2002-04-29
                                              2007-11-18 $ 337.00
7
        1.6 2002-10-10
                                              2007-10-23 $ 734.00
8
        1.7 2003-04-16
                                           10 2007-09-03 $
                                                          10.00
                                           11 2007-10-18 $
                                                         331,00
9
        1.8 2003-10-08
                                           12 2007-09-28 $
                                                         751.00
10
        1.9 2004-04-12
                                           13 2007-10-24 $ 488.00
11
        2.0 2004-10-04
                                            14 2007-11-20 $ 479.00
                                           15 2007-11-07 $ 946.00
mean(rdates$Date)
                                           16 2007-11-11 $
                                                         665.00
                                           17 2007-11-21 $ 711,00
[1] "2002-05-20"
                                           18 2007-09-01 $ 625.00
                                           19 2007-09-05 $ 797.00
range(rdates$Date)
[1] "2000-02-29" "2004-10-04"
rdates$Date[11] - rdates$Date[1]
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```

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Variables - Objects - Logical

Logical variables are those that take on a TRUE or FALSE value. Either by direct assignment or as the result of some comparison:

```
some.variable = TRUE
some.variable = (4 < 5)</pre>
```

This is an important type because it will eventually allow us to construct expressions to be used in if statements for programming

```
if (some_logical_condition) {
    do something
}

if ( 4 < 5 ) {
    print("Four is less than Five")
}</pre>
```

Variables - Objects - Logical

```
if (4 < 5) {
  print("Four is less than Five")
my.var = (4 < 5)
if (my.var) {
  print("four is less than five")
if (! my.var ) {
   print("four is greater than five")
my.var = (4 < 5) & (4 < 6) # Logical AND operator
Both expressions must be TRUE in order for the combined expression to return TRUE.
my.var
[1] TRUE
my.var = (4 < 5) \mid (4 < 6) \# Logical OR operator.
my.var = TRUE
```

Only one of these expressions needs to be TRUE for the entire expression to be TRUE

It is a common operation to want to interrogate variables to see what they are (or aren't). There is an entire family of "is" functions to accomplish this type of activity. It is also common to "coerce" variables into another type. There is an entire family of "as" functions to accomplish this.

Interrogation	<u>Coercion</u>	Type of Operand	
<pre>is.array() is.character() is.data.frame() is.factor()</pre>	<pre>as.array() A as.character() as.data.frame() as.factor()</pre>	rrays Character Data Frames Factors	
is.list()as.list() Lists			
<pre>is.logical()</pre>	as.logical()	Logical	
<pre>is.matrix()</pre>	as.matrix()	Matrix	
<pre>is.numeric()</pre>	as.numeric()	Numeric	
<pre>is.vector()</pre>	as.vector()	Vector	

It is a common operation to want to interrogate variables to see what they are (or aren't).

```
my_int = as.integer(5)
is.integer(my_int)  # These are good for use in programming loops
[1] TRUE
is.numeric(my_int)
[1] TRUE
is.character(my_int)
[1] FALSE
is.logical(my_int)
[1] FALSE
```

It is also common to "coerce" variables into another type. There is an entire family of "as" functions to accomplish this.

```
my int = as.integer(5)
as.character(my_int)
[1] "5"
as.integer(as.character(my int))
[1] 5
my_number = 12.345
as.character(my_number)
[1] "12.345"
as.logical(1)
[1] TRUE
as.character(as.logical(1))
[1] "TRUE"
```

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These types of functions show up frequently when users write their own functions. The "is" functions assist with checking the arguments for the correct type.

```
my.func = function(x) {
    if (!is.numeric(x)) {
       stop("Hey. I need a numeric vector here")
    } else {
       return(mean(x))
    }
}
```

Vectors

R implements vectors as a fundamental object type so get familiar with them. It is useful for storing data of all the same type in a variable / data structure. You can put in variables of type integer, logical, real, and character.

```
1:10
rnorm(10)
y = 5.4 # A single assignment
y = 1:10 # A vector with 10 elements (1 .. 10)
y = c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10) # Same as above yet using the "c" function
y = scan() # Allows you to enter in elements from the keyboard
1: 10
2: 9
3: 8
1: 1
```

Vectors - Indexing

Let's say we have measured the heights of some people and want to stash it in a vector. Bracket notation is the key to working vectors!

```
height = c(59,70,66,72,62,66,60,60) # create a vector of 8 heights
Let's check out the various ways we can index into the vector
          # Get first 5 elements
height[1:5]
[1] 59 70 66 72 62
          # Get first 5 elements in reverse
height[5:1]
[1] 62 72 66 70 59
           # Get all but first element
height[-1]
[1] 70 66 72 62 66 60 60
height[-1:-2]
             # Get all but first two elements
[1] 66 72 62 66 60 60
height[c(1,5)]
                         # Get just first and fifth elements
[1] 59 62
```

Vectors - Logicals

Let's say we have measured the heights of some people and want to stash it in a vector: $ext{height} = c(59,70,66,72,62,66,60,60) \# create a vector of 8 heights$

We can apply logical tests to a vector to find elements that satisfy a condition set

```
height
[1] 59 70 66 72 62 66 60 60

height == 72  # Test for values equal to 72
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
height[height == 72]
[1] 72

# SAME AS

logical.vector = (height == 72)
logical.vector
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
height[ logical.vector ]
```

Vectors - Logicals

Let's say we have measured the heights of some people and want to stash it in a vector:

```
> height = c(59,70,66,72,62,66,60,60) # create a vector of 8 heights
```

Comparisons can be combined like a database query:

```
# Note use of the "&" / and operator
```

```
height[height > 60 & height < 70]
66 62 66
```

```
height[height > 60 & height <= 70]
```

70 66 62 66

Vectors - compared to for loop

It is important to point out that using logical operations within brackets eliminates the need to write a "for loop" every time you want to do some summary information on a vector. Which would you rather do:

This:

```
height[height > 60 & height < 70]
66     62     66

OR:

for (ii in 1:length(height)) {
    if (height[ii] > 60 & height[ii] < 70) {
        print(height[ii])
    }
}</pre>
```

Vectors - Arithmetic

```
weight = c(117,165,139,142,126,151,120,166)  # weight (in lbs)
weight/100
[1] 1.17 1.65 1.39 1.42 1.26 1.51 1.20 1.66
sqrt(weight)
[1] 10.81665 12.84523 11.78983 11.91638 11.22497 12.28821 10.95445 12.88410
weight^2
[1] 13689 27225 19321 20164 15876 22801 14400 27556
sum((weight-mean(weight))^2)/(length(weight)-1)  # The variance formula
[1] 363.9286
var(weight)
[1] 363.9286
```

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Vectors - Im

```
height = c(59,70,66,72,62,66,60,60)

weight = c(117,165,139,142,126,151,120,166)
# Get 8 weight measurements

cor(height,weight)  # Are they correlated ?
[1] 0.46295

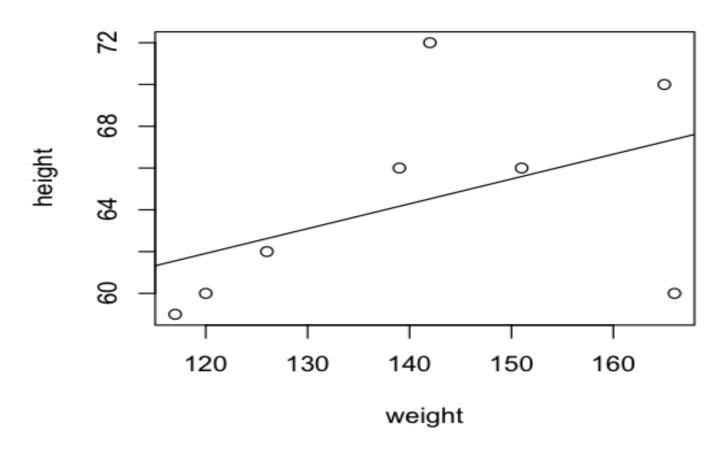
plot(weight,height,main="Height & Weight Plot") # Do a X/Y plot

res = lm(height ~ weight) # Do a linear regression

abline(res) # Check out the regression line
```

Vectors - Im

Height & Weight Plot



Vectors - Arithmetic

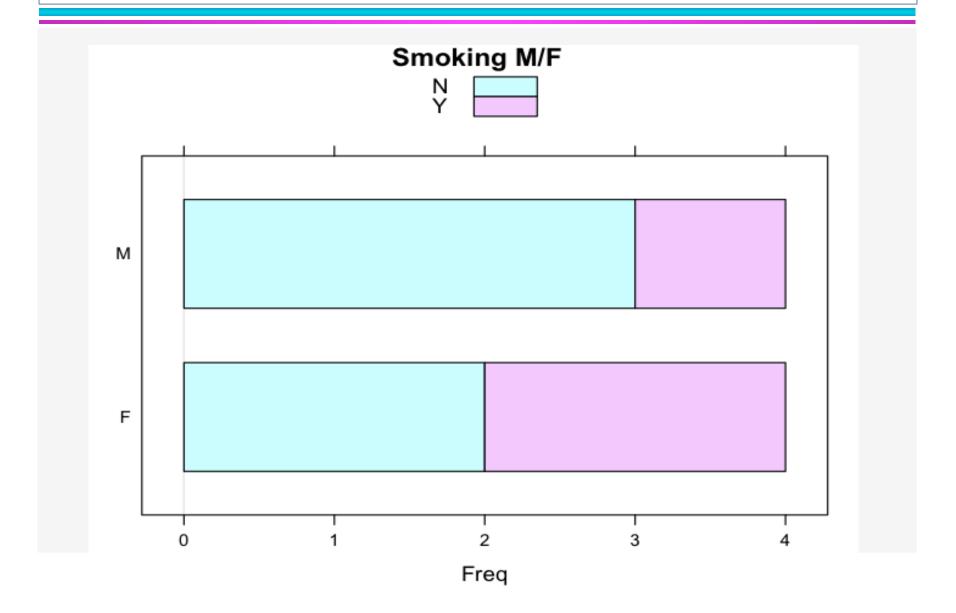
```
weight = c(117,165,139,142,126,151,120,166)  # weight (in lbs)
new.weights = weights + 1  # Vector Addition
new.weights
[1] 118 166 140 143 127 152 121 167
append(weights,new.weights)  # Combines the two vectors
[1] 117 165 139 142 126 151 120 166 118 166 140 143 127 152 121 167
c(weight,new.weights)  # Equivalent to the above
weight/new.weights  # Vector division
[1] 0.9915254 0.9939759 0.9928571 0.9930070 0.9921260 0.9934211 0.9917355 0.9940120
```

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Vectors - character vectors

```
gender = c("F","M","F","M","F","M") # Get their gender
smoker = c("N","N","Y","Y","N","N","N") # Do they smoke ?
table(gender, smoker) # Let's count them
     smoker
gender N Y
     F 2 2
    M 3 1
prop.table(table(gender, smoker))
     smoker
          Ν
gender
     F 0.250 0.250
    M 0.375 0.125
library(lattice)
barchart(table(gender, smoker), auto.key=TRUE, main="Smoking M/F")
```

Vectors - character vectors



Vectors - length and recycling

An important attribute of a vector is its length. To determine its length (or set it) one uses the "length" function.

```
y = 1:10
length(y) # Length of the entire vector
[1] 10
```

When two vectors are combined in some fashion to form a third, the resulting vector takes on the length of the longest vector:

```
vec1 = 1:5

vec2 = c(1,3)

vec1 + vec2  # The shorter vector (vec2) is recycled
[1] 2 5 4 7 6

Warning message:
In vec1 + vec2 :
  longer object length is not a multiple of shorter object length
```

Vectors - naming elements

You can name the elements of the vector. Since we have been using only numeric data this might not add a lot of information. Though it actually does - especially when you work with character vectors. We use the "names" function for this.



Vectors - naming elements

You can name the elements of the vector. In this example, let's say we have measured some heights of eight people.

```
height = c(59,70,66,72,62,66,60,60)
# Let's also create a character vector that contains the names of people
# whose heights we measured
my.names = c("Jacqueline", "Frank", "Babette",
             "Mario", "Adriana", "Esteban", "Carole", "Louis")
names(height) = my.names
height
                                              Adriana
Jacqueline
             Frank
                       Babette
                                    Mario
                                                         Esteban
                                                                      Carole
                                                                                  Louis
   59
              70
                          66
                                     72
                                                 62
                                                            66
                                                                        60
                                                                                   60
```

Vectors - the which command

The which command allows us to determine which element number satisfies a given condition. If the element has a name then we can see it listed.

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Vectors - naming elements

The "paste" function allows us to rapidly generate label names for observations in cases where we don't have original names or id.

```
new.names = paste("ID",1:8,sep="_")
new.names
[1] "ID_1" "ID_2" "ID_3" "ID_4" "ID_5" "ID_6" "ID_7" "ID_8"
names(height) = new.names
height
ID_1 ID_2 ID_3 ID_4 ID_5 ID_6 ID_7 ID_8
59 70 66 72 62 66 60 60
```

Vectors - missing values

```
gender = c("F","M","F","M","F","M","F","M") # Get their gender
smoker = c("N","N","Y","Y","Y","N","N","N") # Do they smoke ?
length(gender) # Gives current length of vector
[1] 8
length(gender) = 10 # Sets length of the vector
gender # NA represents a missing value
[1] "F" "M" "F" "M" "F" "M" NA NA
```

Vectors - missing values

```
is.na(gender)
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE
which(is.na(gender))  # Which elements contain missing values
[1] 9 10
which(!is.na(x))  # Which elements don't have missing values
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
gender[!is.na(gender)] # Get elements which aren't missing
[1] "F" "M" "F" "M" "F" "M" "F" "M"
gender[9:10] = "-" # Set all Nas to "-" but probably should leave NAs
[1] "F" "M" "F" "M" "F" "M" "F" "M" "-" "-"
```

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Vectors - some common functions

```
prod(x)
                       Sum/product of vector elements
sum()
           cumprod(x)
                       Cumulative sum/prod of elements
cumsum(x)
                       Returns min / max of vector
min(x)
           max(x)
                       Returns mean / median of x
mean(x)
           median(x)
                       Gives variance / standard deviation
           sd(x)
var(x)
                       Covariance / Correlation of x,y
COV(X, Y)
           cor(x,y)
                       Finds range of vector
range(x)
                        quantiles of the vector x
quantile(x)
fivenum(x)
                        Returns fivenum value
length(x)
                       Returns number of elements in x
unique(x)
                       Returns only unique elements of x
                        Returns x reversed
rev(x)
                       sorts the vector x
sort(x)
match(x)
                        First position of an element in x
union(x,y)
                       Union of x and y
                        Intersection of x and y
intersect(x,y)
setdiff(x,y)
                       Elements of x not in y
setequal(x,y)
                        Test if x and y contain the same elements
```

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Vectors - some common operators

Relational Operators

```
if (myvar == "test") {print("EQ")}
Equal to
                             ==
                                       if (mnynum == 3)
                                                            {print("EQ")}
                                       if (myvar != "test") {print("NE")}
Not equal to
Less than or equal to
                                       if (number <= 5)
                                                            {print("LTE")}
                             <=
                                       if (number < 10)
Less than
                             <
                                                            {print("LT")}
Greater than or equal to
                                       if (number >= 10)
                                                            {print("GTE")}
                             >=
                                       if (number > 12)
                                                            {print("GT")}
Greater than
                             >
```

Boolean Operators

```
mean(height)
                  # Get the mean
[1] 64.375
sd(height) # Get standard deviation
[1] 4.897157
            # Get the minimum
min(height)
[1] 59
range(height)
             # Get the range
[1] 59 72
fivenum(height) # Tukey's summary (minimum, lower-hinge, median,
                    upper-hinge, maximum)
[1] 59 60 64 68 72
length(height) # Vector length
[1] 8
quantile(height) # Quantiles
 0% 25% 50% 75% 100%
 59
      60
          64
               67 72
```

```
my.vals = rnorm(10000, 20, 2)
max(my.vals)
[1] 28.94032
which.max(my.vals)
[1] 2570
my.vals[ which.max(my.vals) ]
[1] 28.94032
min(my.vals)
[1] 12.49251
my.vals[ which.min(my.vals) ]
[1] 12.49251
x = 1:16
                               # Find all the odd numbers from 1 to 16
x[x \% 2 == 0]
[1] 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16
```

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Suppose we have x defined as follows. We want to find the sum of all the elements that are less than 5.

```
x = 0:10
x[ x < 5 ]
[1] 0 1 2 3 4
sum( x[x<5] )
[1] 10</pre>
```

Here is another vector. What if we wanted to compute the sum of the three largest values? This would be easy by visual inspection but let's do it using some functions. This way we could use it on a vector that is possibly millions of elements long.

```
x = c(20,22,4,27,9,7,5,19,9,12)
sort(x)
[1] 4 5 7 9 9 12 19 20 22 27
rev(sort(x))
[1] 27 22 20 19 12 9 9 7 5 4
rev(sort(x))[1:3]
[1] 27 22 20
sum(rev(sort(x))[1:3])
[1] 69
```

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The sample function takes a sample of a specified size from the elements of a given vector using either with or without replacement.

```
LETTERS  # A built-in character vector with the alphabet

[1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S" "T" "U" "V" "W" "X" "Y" "Z" "A" "D" "G" "O" "S" "Y" "L" "C" "Z" "B" "N" "F" "X" "T" "P" "R"

sample(LETTERS, 26, replace=F)
[1] "G" "V" "C" "M" "J" "B" "K" "Q" "M" "D" "V" "H" "D" "E" "C" "O" "B" "K" "V" "Y" "S" "C" "S" "C" "N" "J" "B" "K" "Q" "M" "D" "V" "H" "D" "E" "C" "O" "B" "K" "Sample(LETTERS, 8, replace=FALSE)
[1] "S" "G" "U" "M" "F" "V" "O" "B"
```

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```
my.coins = c("Heads", "Tails")
                                   # Create a coin vector
sample(my.coins,5,replace=TRUE) # 5 coin tosses
[1] "Tails" "Tails" "Heads" "Tails" "Heads"
my.vec = sample(my.coins,100,replace=TRUE)
my.vec
[1] "Heads" "Tails" "Heads" "Tails" "Heads" "Tails" "Tails" "Heads"
[100] "Tails"
table(my.vec)
my.vec
Heads Tails
  55
      45
my.heads = my.vec[my.vec == "Heads"] # Gives us all the Heads
length(my.heads) / length(my.vec) * 100 # gives percentage of Heads
```

```
my.coins = c("Heads", "Tails") # Create a coin vector
# LET'S SIMULATE 1,000,000 TOSSES AND TABULATE
faircoin = table(sample(my.coins,1000000,replace=TRUE))
 Heads Tails
500072 499928
# NOW LET'S CHEAT AND RIG THE COIN
unfaircoin = table(sample(my.coins,1000000,
                           replace=TRUE, prob=c(.75,.25)))
unfaircoin
 Heads Tails
749811 250189
                        http://www.sigmafield.org/comment/21
```

```
# Does faircoin represent a fair coin ? Yes
chisq.test(faircoin, p=c(.5,.5))
    Chi-squared test for given probabilities
data: faircoin
X-squared = 0.3069, df = 1, p-value = 0.5796
# Is unfaircoin "fair" ? Of course not
chisq.test(unfaircoin, p=c(.5,.5))
    Chi-squared test for given probabilities
data:
      unfaircoin
X-squared = 249622.1, df = 1, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

```
# LET'S DO A SIMPLE BOOTSTRAP EXAMPLE
# Generate 1,000 values from a normal dist, mu=10
my.norm = rnorm(1000, 10)
# Sample with replacement, collect means
mean(sample(my.norm,replace=TRUE))
[1] 10.01396
mean(sample(my.norm,replace=TRUE))
[1] 9.963395
mean(sample(my.norm,replace=TRUE))
Do this 1,000 times then do quantile of all the means according
to .95 confidence
```

Supplemental - Vectors - sample

```
# LET'S DO A SIMPLE BOOTSTRAP EXAMPLE
my.norm = rnorm(1000,10) # Generate 1,000 values from a normal dist, mu=10
# NOW USE THE REPLICATE FUNCTION TO GENERATE 1,000 MEANS
quantile(replicate(1000, mean(sample(my.norm, replace = TRUE))),
           probs = c(0.025, 0.975)
              97.5%
     2.5%
 9.927472 10.044173
# COMPARE TO T.TEST
t.test(my.norm)$conf.int
[1] 9.923378 10.044916
                        http://www.sigmafield.org/comment/21
```

```
my.cards = rep(c("Ace",2:10,"Jack","Queen","King"),4)
     "Ace"
             "2"
                     "3"
                             "4"
                                             "6"
                                                     "7"
                                                             "8"
                                                                     "9"
     "10"
             "Jack" "Queen" "King"
                                             "2"
                                                     "3"
                                                             "4"
                                                                     "5"
                                     "Ace"
[10]
    "6"
             "7"
                     "8"
                             "9"
                                     "10"
                                             "Jack"
                                                             "King"
                                                                     "Ace"
                                                     "Queen"
[19]
         "3"
    "2"
                                     "6"
                                             "7"
                                                     "8"
                                                             "9"
[28]
                     "4"
                             "5"
                                                                     "10"
                                             "3"
                                                     "4"
                                                                     "6"
[37] "Jack" "Queen" "King"
                             "Ace"
                                     "2"
                                                             "5"
[46] "7"
             "8"
                     "9"
                             "10"
                                     "Jack" "Queen" "King"
paste(my.cards, c("Hearts","Diamonds","Spades","Clubs"),sep="_of_")
[1] "Ace_of_Hearts"
                        "2_of_Diamonds"
                                         "3_of_Spades"
                                          "6_of_Diamonds"
[4] "4 of Clubs"
                        "5 of Hearts"
[7] "7 of Spades"
                       "8 of Clubs"
                                            "9 of Hearts"
                         "Jack of Diamonds" "Queen of Spades"
[49] "10 of Hearts"
[52] "King of Clubs"
```

Let's look back at the character vectors:

R has support for string searching and manipulation. This is important for managing sequencing data. Let's start with some basics.

```
char.vec = c("here","we","are","now","in","winter")
grep("ar",char.vec)
[1] 3
char.vec[3]
[1] "are"
grep("ar",char.vec,value=T)
[1] "are"
grep("^w",char.vec,value=TRUE) # Words that begin with "w"
[1] "we"
             "winter"
grep("w",char.vec, value=TRUE)
                                               # Any words that contain w
          "now"
                      "winter"
[1] "we"
grep("w$",char.vec, value=TRUE)
                                            # words that end with "w"
[1] "now"
```

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R has support for string searching and manipulation. This is important for managing sequencing data. Let's start with some basics.

```
char.vec = c("here","we","are","now","in","winter")
char.vec[ -grep("ar",char.vec)] # All words NOT containing "ar"
[1] "here" "we" "now" "in" "winter"
-grep("ar",char.vec)
\lceil 1 \rceil - 3
char.vec[-3]
gsub("here","there",char.vec) # We can change words too !
                                       "in"
[1] "there" "we" "are" "now"
                                                "winter"
gsub("^w", "Z", char.vec) # Replace any "w" at the beginning of a word to Z
[1] "here" "Ze"
                                                "Zinter"
                   "are"
                              "now"
                                       "in"
```

Two Letter State Name Abbreviation: (e.g. "GA")

Let's say we are given a vector of 100 sampled identifiers from a larger pool that follow this convention:

```
Smoker: (0 = "No", 1 = "Yes")
Gender: M or F
myvec
  [1]
      "MS:0:F" "SD:1:M" "OR:1:M" "RI:0:F" "IA:1:M" "NV:1:F" "VA:1:F"
      "MA:1:M" "ND:1:F" "TX:1:F" "KY:1:F" "MI:0:M" "SD:0:F" "VA:0:M"
      "VA:1:M" "WI:0:F" "HI:1:M" "KS:0:M" "GA:1:F" "KY:1:F" "HI:1:M"
 Γ15]
 [22]
      "MO:0:M" "AK:0:F" "AL:0:F" "MA:0:M" "NV:1:F" "AZ:1:F" "ID:0:F"
      "VT:1:F" "MN:1:M" "ND:1:F" "OR:1:M" "ME:1:M" "OR:1:F" "DE:1:F"
 [29]
      "IN:1:F" "PA:1:M" "UT:0:M" "OH:0:M" "TX:1:M" "MD:0:M" "SC:1:F"
 [36]
      "WV:1:M" "WI:0:F" "AK:1:M" "MN:0:F" "MO:1:F" "OK:1:M" "NJ:0:F"
 [43]
 [50]
      "PA:0:M" "OR:0:M" "ME:1:F" "DE:0:M" "OK:0:F" "TN:1:M" "MO:0:F"
      "KY:1:F" "OH:1:F" "RI:0:M" "LA:1:F" "KS:1:F" "IA:0:F" "CT:1:M"
 [57]
      "WA:0:M" "CO:1:M" "CT:1:F" "UT:0:F" "IN:0:F" "MT:0:F" "DE:0:F"
 [64]
      "CO:1:M" "GA:1:F" "MN:1:F" "HI:0:M" "HI:1:F" "MD:0:M" "CA:1:M"
 [71]
      "HI:0:M" "NM:1:M" "MA:1:F" "IN:0:F" "SD:0:M" "GA:1:F" "MS:1:F"
 [78]
      "VT:1:F" "RI:0:F" "NH:1:M" "MA:0:F" "NC:0:F" "AL:1:F" "WV:1:M"
 [85]
      "FL:0:M" "NJ:1:F" "FL:1:F" "AR:1:M" "AL:1:F" "ND:0:M" "PA:0:F"
 [92]
 [99] "WA:1:M" "OK:0:M"
```

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Note: I used this command to generate the data:

```
numtosamp = 100
myvec=paste(sample(state.abb,numtosamp,T),sample(c(0,1),numtosamp,T),
            sample(c("M", "F"), numtosamp, T), sep=":")
Anyway, Let's find all the identifiers that come from the state of Arkansas
grep("AK", myvec)
[1] 23 45
grep("AK",myvec,value=T)
[1] "AK:0:F" "AK:1:M"
Find all the women who do not smoke from any state.
grep("0:F",myvec)
 [1] 1 4 13 16 23 24 28 44 46 49 54 56 62 67 68 69 70 81 86 88 89 98
grep("0:F",myvec,value=T)
 [1] "MS:0:F" "RI:0:F" "SD:0:F" "WI:0:F" "AK:0:F" "AL:0:F" "ID:0:F"
 [8] "WI:0:F" "MN:0:F" "NJ:0:F" "OK:0:F" "MO:0:F" "IA:0:F" "UT:0:F"
[15] "IN:0:F" "MT:0:F" "DE:0:F" "IN:0:F" "RI:0:F" "MA:0:F" "NC:0:F"
[22] "PA:0:F"
```

Find all the identifiers that relate only to males:

```
grep("M$",myvec)
[1] 23 45
grep("M$",myvec,value=T)
 [1] "SD:1:M" "OR:1:M" "IA:1:M" "MA:1:M" "MI:0:M" "VA:0:M" "VA:1:M"
 [8] "HI:1:M" "KS:0:M" "HI:1:M" "MO:0:M" "MA:0:M" "MN:1:M" "OR:1:M"
[15] "ME:1:M" "PA:1:M" "UT:0:M" "OH:0:M" "TX:1:M" "MD:0:M" "WV:1:M"
[22] "AK:1:M" "OK:1:M" "PA:0:M" "OR:0:M" "DE:0:M" "TN:1:M" "RI:0:M"
[29] "CT:1:M" "WA:0:M" "CO:1:M" "CO:1:M" "HI:0:M" "MD:0:M" "CA:1:M"
[36] "HI:0:M" "NM:1:M" "SD:0:M" "NH:1:M" "WV:1:M" "FL:0:M" "AR:1:M"
[43] "ND:0:M" "WA:1:M" "OK:0:M"
Find all the identifiers that relate to identifiers from Georgia or Pennsylvania.
grep("PA|GA",myvec,value=T)
[1] "GA:1:F" "PA:1:M" "PA:0:M" "GA:1:F" "GA:1:F" "PA:0:F"
Find all the identifiers that relate to any state BUT Georgia:
myvec[ -grep("GA",myvec) ]
```

Vectors - DNA character strings

We can search within a character vector for some specific characters. Let's find all the occurrences of the "G" string:

```
dna = c("A", "A", "C", "G", "A", "C", "C", "G", "G", "G", "A", "T", "G", "A", "C", "T", "G",
"A", "A", "C")
dna
"A" "A" "C" "G" "A" "C" "C" "C" "G" "G" "A" "T" "G" "A" "C" "T" "G" "A" "A"
"C"
                # Extracts the elements numbers
grep("G",dna)
[1] 4 9 10 13 17
dna[ grep("G",dna) ]
[1] "G" "G" "G" "G" "G"
OR MORE SIMPLY
grep("G",dna, value = TRUE)
[1] "G" "G" "G" "G" "G"
length(grep("G",dna, value = TRUE)) # 5 occurrences of G
[1] 5
```

Vectors - DNA character strings

We can search within a character vector for some specific characters. Let's find all the occurrences of the "C" string:

```
set.seed(188)
dna = sample(c("A","C","G","T"),20,T)

dna
   [1] "A" "A" "C" "G" "A" "C" "C" "G" "G" "A" "T" "G" "A" "C" "T" "G" "A"
"A" "C"

grep("C",dna, value = TRUE)
[1] "C" "C" "C" "C" "C"

length(grep("C",dna, value=T))
[1] 6
```

Vectors - DNA character strings

```
"A", "A", "C")
dna
 [1] "A" "A" "C" "G" "A" "C" "C" "C" "G" "G" "A" "T" "G" "A" "C" "T" "G" "A" "A" "C"
my.str = paste(dna,collapse="")
[1] "AACGACCCGGATGACTGAAC"
length(my.str)
\lceil 1 \rceil 1
                # Not what you expected ?
my.str
[1] "AACGACCCGGATGACTGAAC"
rev(my.str)
                      # What's going on ?
[1] "AACGACCCGGATGACTGAAC"
                         # Its now just a character string not a vector
str(my.str)
chr "AACGACCCGGATGACTGAAC"
```

Vectors - character strings

```
my.str = paste(dna,collapse="")
[1] "AACGACCCGGATGACTGAAC"

substr(my.str,1,1)
[1] "A"

substr(my.str,1,2)
[1] "AA"

substr(my.str,1,3)
[1] "AAC"

substr(my.str,1,4)
[1] "AACG"

gsub("TG","G",my.str)
[1] "AACGACCCGGAGACGAAC"
```

Vectors - character strings

```
my.str
[1] "AACGACCCGGATGACTGAAC"

substr(my.str,2,8)
[1] "ACGACCC"

substr(my.str,2,8) = "TTTTTTT"

my.str
[1] "ATTTTTTTGGATGACTGAAC"
```

Vectors - character strings

```
nchar(my.str)
[1] 20
for (ii in 1:nchar(my.str)) {
    cat(substr(my.str,ii,ii))
AACGACCCGGATGACTGAAC
for (ii in nchar(my.str):1) {
    cat(substr(my.str,ii,ii))
CAAGTCAGTAGGCCCAGCAA
# Recipe to get the "collapsed" string back into a vector with separate elements for
each letter
unlist(strsplit(my.str,""))
 [1] "A" "A" "C" "G" "A" "C" "C" "C" "G" "G" "A" "T" "G" "A" "C" "T" "G" "A" "A" "C"
```

POSIX	Non-standard	Perl	Vim	ASCII	Description
[:alnum:]				[A-Za-z0-9]	Alphanumeric characters
	[:word:]	\w	\w	[A-Za-z0-9_]	Alphanumeric characters plus "_"
		\W	\W	[^A-Za-z0-9_]	Non-word characters
[:alpha:]			\a	[A-Za-z]	Alphabetic characters
[:blank:]				[\t]	Space and tab
		\b	\< \>	(?<=\W)(?=\w)(?=\W)	Word boundaries
[:cntrl:]				[\x00-\x1F\x7F]	Control characters
[:digit:]		١d	\d	[0-9]	Digits
		\D	\D	[^0-9]	Non-digits
[:graph:]				[\x21-\x7E]	Visible characters
[:lower:]			\1	[a-z]	Lowercase letters
[:print:]			\p	[\x20-\x7E]	Visible characters and the space character
[:punct:]				[\]\[!"#\$%&'()*+,./:;<=>?@\^_`{ }~-]	Punctuation characters
[:space:]		\s	\s	[\t\r\n\v\f]	Whitespace characters
		۱s	۱s	[^ \t\r\n\v\f]	Non-whitespace characters
[:upper:]			\u	[A-Z]	Uppercase letters
[:xdigit:]			\x	[A-Fa-f0-9]	Hexadecimal digits

Metacharacter	Meaning				
?	The ? (question mark) matches the preceding character 0 or 1 times only, for example, colou?r will find both color (0 times) and colour (1 time).				
*	The * (asterisk or star) matches the preceding character 0 or more times, for example, tre* will find tree (2 times) and tread (1 time) and trough (0 times).				
+	The + (plus) matches the previous character 1 or more times, for example, tre+ will find tree (2 times) and tread (1 time) but NOT trough (0 times).				
{n}	Matches the preceding character, or character range, n times exactly, for example, to find a local phone number we could use [0-9]{3}-[0-9]{4} which would find any number of the form 123-4567.				
	Note: The - (dash) in this case, because it is outside the square brackets, is a literal. Value is enclosed in braces (curly brackets).				
{n,m}	Matches the preceding character at least n times but not more than m times, for example, 'ba{2,3}b' will find 'baab' and 'baaab' but NOT 'bab' or 'baaaab'. Values are enclosed in braces (curly brackets).				