

# Data Structure

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# Vectors

# Data types in R

A **vector** is an ordered sequence of data. R has many types of data, for example:

- ▶ logical: logical (TRUE or FALSE)
- ▶ integer: whole numbers,  $\mathbb{Z}$
- ▶ numeric: real numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$
- ▶ complex: complex numbers,  $\mathbb{C}$
- ▶ character: words

In the vectors of R, all their objects must be of the same type: all numbers, all words, etc. When we want to use vectors formed by objects of different types, we will have to use **generalized lists**, 'lists' that we will see at the end of the topic.

# Basic

- ▶ `c()`: to define a vector
- ▶ `scan()`: to define a vector
- ▶ `fix(x)`: to visually modify the vector  $x$
- ▶ `rep(a, n)`: to define a constant vector that contains the data  $a$  repeated  $n$  times

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

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

```
rep("Tono",5)
```

```
[1] "Tono" "Tono" "Tono" "Tono" "Tono"
```

## scan() function

This functions also work with URL with text files

### Example

This is an example of how to create a vector that contains 3 copies of 1 9 9 8 0 7 2 6 with the scan function:

```
> scan()
```

```
1: 1 9 9 8 0 7 2 6
```

```
9: 1 9 9 8 0 7 2 6
```

```
17: 1 9 9 8 0 7 2 6
```

```
25:
```

```
Read 24 items
```

```
[1] 1 9 9 8 0 7 2 6 1 9 9 8 0 7 2 6 1 9 9 8 0 7 2 6
```

```
>
```

# Progressions and Sequences

An arithmetic progression is a succession of numbers such that the **difference**,  $d$ , of any pair of successive terms in the sequence is constant.

$$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1) d$$

- ▶ `seq (a, b, by=d)`: to generate an arithmetic progression of difference  $d$  that starts in  $a$  up to  $b$
- ▶ `seq (a, b, length.out=n)`: define arithmetic progression of length  $n$  ranging from  $a$  to  $b$  with difference  $d$ . Therefore  $d = (b - a)/(n - 1)$
- ▶ `seq (a, by= d, length.out=n)`: define the arithmetic progression of length  $n$  and difference  $d$  starting in  $a$
- ▶ `a:b`: define the sequence of consecutive numbers  $\mathbb{Z}$  between two numbers  $a$  and  $b$

## Example of sequence

- ▶ This is an example of a sequence 5, 8.5, 12, 15.5, 19, 22.5, 26, 29.5, 33, 36.5, 40, 43.5, 47, 50.5, 54, 57.5
- ▶ If we want a sequence of  $n$  length we can use 5, 14.1666667, 23.3333333, 32.5, 41.6666667, 50.8333333, 60
- ▶ If we want to start in  $n$  number and have a determinate length with  $n$  step we use 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23

# Sequences

## Exercise

- ▶ Numbers sequence from 1 to 20: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
- ▶ First 20 pair numbers: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40
- ▶ 30 equidistant numbers between 17 and 98 with 4 significant decimals: 17, 19.7931034, 22.5862069, 25.3793103, 28.1724138, 30.9655172, 33.7586207, 36.5517241, 39.3448276, 42.137931, 44.9310345, 47.7241379, 50.5172414, 53.3103448, 56.1034483, 58.8965517, 61.6896552, 64.4827586, 67.2758621, 70.0689655, 72.862069, 75.6551724, 78.4482759, 81.2413793, 84.0344828, 86.8275862, 89.6206897, 92.4137931, 95.2068966, 98



## Example of vector

This is another example to generate a vector, c is also named as concatenation:

```
c(rep(pi, 5), 5:10, -7) -> x  
x
```

```
[1] 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 5.000000  
[8] 7.000000 8.000000 9.000000 10.000000 -7.000000
```

```
c(0, x, 10, x, 20)
```

```
[1] 0.000000 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 5.000000  
[8] 6.000000 7.000000 8.000000 9.000000 10.000000 -7.000000  
[15] 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 3.141593 5.000000  
[22] 7.000000 8.000000 9.000000 10.000000 -7.000000 20.000000
```

# Functions

When we want to apply a function to each of the elements of a data vector, the `sapply` function saves us having to program with loops in R:

- ▶ “`sapply (vector_name, FUN = function_name)`”: to apply this function to all vector elements
- ▶ `sqrt(x)`: Calculate a new vector with the square roots of each of the elements of the vector  $x$

```
x <- 1:10  
sapply(x, FUN = function(element){sqrt(element)})
```

```
[1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051 2.000000 2.236068 2.449490  
[8] 2.828427 3.000000 3.162278
```