Introduction to R Software

Repeats

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Command rep is used to replicates the values in a vector.

Syntax rep(x) replicates the values in a vector x.

rep(x, times=n) # Repeat x as a whole n times

rep(x, each=n) # Repeat each cell n times

Help for the command rep

> help("rep")

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rep {base}
                                           Replicate Elements of Vectors and Lists
Description
rep replicates the values in x. It is a generic function, and the (internal) default method is described here.
rep.int and rep len are faster simplified versions for two common cases. They are not generic.
Usage
rep(x, ...)
rep.int(x, times)
rep len(x, length.out)
Arguments
            a vector (of any mode including a list) or a factor or (for rep only) a POSIXCt or POSIXIt or Date object; or an S4 object containing
X
            such an object.
            further arguments to be passed to or from other methods. For the internal default method these can include:
            times
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The command rep

Repeat an object *n*-times:

```
> rep(3.5, times=10)
[1] 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5 3.5
```

```
> rep(1:4, 2)
[1] 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
```

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Repeat an object n-times:
rep(x, times = n)
Repeat each cell n-times:
rep(x, each = n)
> x < -1:3
> x
[1] 1 2 3
> rep(x, times = 3)
[1] 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3
```

> rep(x, each = 3)

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

Every object is repeated several times successively:

```
> rep(1:4, each = 2)
[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4

> rep(1:4, each = 2, times = 3)
[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4
```

```
Prep(1:4, each = 2)
[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4
> rep(1:4, each = 2, times = 3)
[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4
```

Every object is repeated a different number of times:

```
> rep(1:4, 2:5)
[1] 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4
```

```
> rep(1:4, 2:5)
[1] 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4
```

Every object is repeated a different number of times:

```
> ans <- seq(from=2, to=8, by=2)
> ans
  [1] 2 4 6 8
> rep(1:4, ans)
  [1] 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
```

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RConsole
> rep(1:4, 2:5)
  [1] 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4
>
> ans <- seq(from=2, to=8, by=2)
> ans
[1] 2 4 6 8
>
rep(1:4, ans)
  [1] 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
```

Repetition of characters

```
> rep(c("a", "b", "c"), 2)
[1] "a" "b" "c" "a" "b" "c"
```

```
> rep(c("apple", "banana", "cake"), 2)
[1] "apple" "banana" "cake" "apple" "banana" "cake"
```

```
> rep(c("a", "b", "c"), 2)
[1] "a" "b" "c" "a" "b" "c"
>
  rep(c("apple", "banana", "cake"), 2)
[1] "apple" "banana" "cake" "apple" "banana" "cake"
```