

Introduction to R Software

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Lecture 18

Sequences of Dates and Alphabets

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Sequences

Generating sequences of dates

Generating current time and date

`Sys.time()` command provides the current time and date from the computer system.

```
> Sys.time()
```

```
[1] "2020-06-03 22:48:07 IST"
```

`Sys.Date()` command provides the current date from the computer system.

```
> Sys.Date()
```

```
[1] "2020-06-03"
```

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```
R Console  
  
> Sys.time()  
[1] "2020-06-03 22:48:07 IST"  
> Sys.Date()  
[1] "2020-06-03"  
> |
```

Sequences

Generating sequences of dates

Usage

```
seq(from, to, by, length.out = NULL, along.with  
= NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

from starting date (Required)

to end date (Optional)

by increment of the sequence. "day", "week",
"month", "quarter" or "year".

length.out integer, optional. Desired length of the sequence.

along.with take the length from the length of this argument. ⁴

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Sequence of first day of years

```
> seq(as.Date("2015-01-01"), as.Date("2020-01-01"), by = "years")  
[1] "2015-01-01" "2016-01-01" "2017-01-01"  
"2018-01-01" "2019-01-01"  
[6] "2020-01-01"
```

R Console

```
> seq(as.Date("2015-01-01"), as.Date("2020-01-01"), by = "years")  
[1] "2015-01-01" "2016-01-01" "2017-01-01" "2018-01-01" "2019-01-01"  
[6] "2020-01-01"
```

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Sequence of days

```
> seq(as.Date("2018-01-01"), by = "days",  
length = 6)  
[1] "2018-01-01" "2018-01-02" "2018-01-03"  
"2018-01-04" "2018-01-05"  
[6] "2018-01-06"
```

R Console

```
> seq(as.Date("2018-01-01"), by = "days", length = 6)  
[1] "2018-01-01" "2018-01-02" "2018-01-03" "2018-01-04" "2018-01-05"  
[6] "2018-01-06"  
>
```

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Sequence of months

```
> seq(as.Date("2018-01-01"), by = "months",  
length = 6)  
[1] "2018-01-01" "2018-02-01" "2018-03-01"  
"2018-04-01" "2018-05-01"  
[6] "2018-06-01"
```

R Console

```
> seq(as.Date("2018-01-01"), by = "months", length = 6)  
[1] "2018-01-01" "2018-02-01" "2018-03-01" "2018-04-01" "2018-05-01"  
[6] "2018-06-01"  
>
```

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Sequence by years

```
> seq(as.Date("2018-01-01"), by = "years",  
length = 6)  
[1] "2018-01-01" "2019-01-01" "2020-01-01"  
"2021-01-01" "2022-01-01"  
[6] "2023-01-01"
```

R Console

```
> seq(as.Date("2018-01-01"), by = "years", length = 6)  
[1] "2018-01-01" "2019-01-01" "2020-01-01" "2021-01-01" "2022-01-01"  
[6] "2023-01-01"  
>
```


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To find sequence with defining start and end dates

```
> startdate <- as.Date("2019-1-1")
```

```
> enddate <- as.Date("2020-1-1")
```

```
> out <- seq(enddate, startdate, by = "-1  
month")
```

```
[1] "2020-01-01" "2019-12-01" "2019-11-01"
```

```
"2019-10-01" "2019-09-01"
```

```
[6] "2019-08-01" "2019-07-01" "2019-06-01"
```

```
"2019-05-01" "2019-04-01"
```

```
[11] "2019-03-01" "2019-02-01" "2019-01-01"
```

Sequences

Generating sequences of dates

R Console

```
> startdate <- as.Date("2019-1-1")
> enddate <- as.Date("2020-1-1")
> out <- seq(enddate, startdate, by = "-1 month")
> out
[1] "2020-01-01" "2019-12-01" "2019-11-01" "2019-10-01" "2019-09-01"
[6] "2019-08-01" "2019-07-01" "2019-06-01" "2019-05-01" "2019-04-01"
[11] "2019-03-01" "2019-02-01" "2019-01-01"
>
```

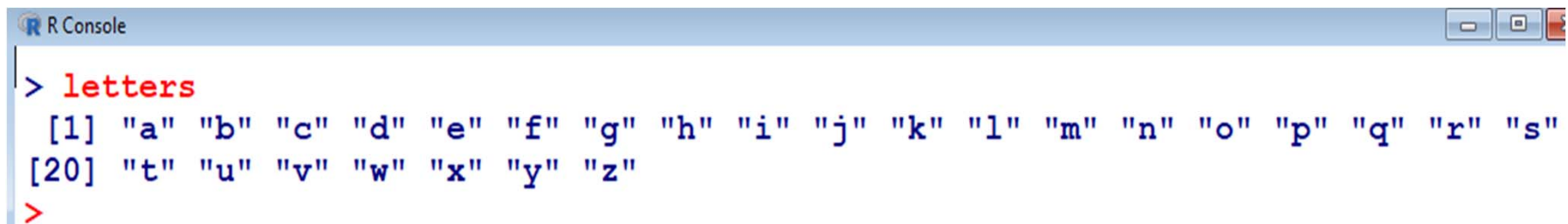
Sequences

Generating sequences of letters

`letters` is used to find sequence of lowercase alphabets

```
> letters
```

```
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j" "k"  
"l" "m" "n" "o" "p" "q" "r" "s"  
[20] "t" "u" "v" "w" "x" "y" "z"
```



```
R Console  
> letters  
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j" "k" "l" "m" "n" "o" "p" "q" "r" "s"  
[20] "t" "u" "v" "w" "x" "y" "z"  
>
```

Sequences

Generating sequences of letters

`letters[from_index:to_index]` is used to find sequence of lowercase alphabets from a particular index to a specified index.

```
> letters[1:5]
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e"
```

```
> letters[5:1]
[1] "e" "d" "c" "b" "a"
```

```
> letters[15:21]
[1] "o" "p" "q" "r" "s" "t" "u"
```

```
> letters[9]
[1] "i"
```

Sequences

```
R Console  
> letters[1:5]  
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e"  
>  
> letters[5:1]  
[1] "e" "d" "c" "b" "a"  
>  
> letters[15:21]  
[1] "o" "p" "q" "r" "s" "t" "u"  
>  
> letters[9]  
[1] "i"  
>
```

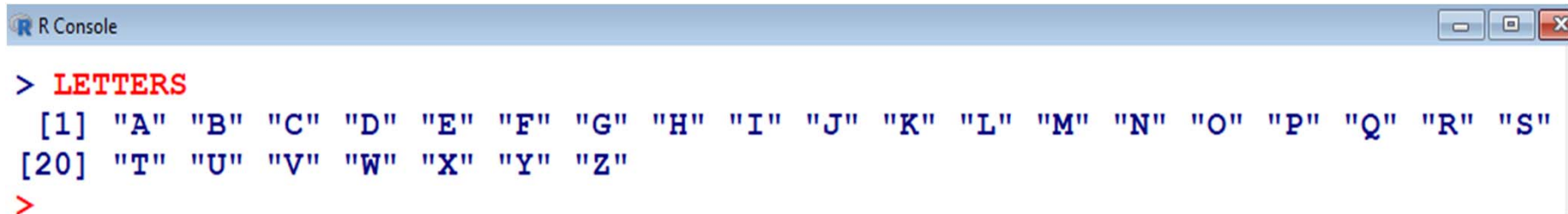
Sequences

Generating sequences of alphabets

LETTERS is used to find sequence of uppercase alphabets

```
> LETTERS
```

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



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

Sequences

Generating sequences of alphabets

`LETTERS[from_index:to_index]` is used to find sequence of uppercase alphabets from a particular index to a specified index.

```
> LETTERS[1:5]  
[1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E"
```

```
> LETTERS[5:1]  
[1] "E" "D" "C" "B" "A"
```

```
> LETTERS[19:23]  
[1] "S" "T" "U" "V" "W"
```

```
> LETTERS[7]  
[1] "G"
```

Sequences

```
R Console  
  
> LETTERS[1:5]  
[1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E"  
>  
> LETTERS[5:1]  
[1] "E" "D" "C" "B" "A"  
>  
> LETTERS[19:23]  
[1] "S" "T" "U" "V" "W"  
>  
> LETTERS[7]  
[1] "G"  
>
```