

Introduction to R Software

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Lecture 21

Vector Indexing

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Vector Indexing

A vector of positive integers (`letters` and `LETTERS` return the 26 lowercase and uppercase letters, respectively).

```
> letters[1:3]
[1] "a" "b" "c"

> letters[ c(2,4,6) ]
[1] "b" "d" "f"

> LETTERS[1:3]
[1] "A" "B" "C"

> LETTERS[ c(2,4,6) ]
[1] "B" "D" "F"
```

R R Console

```
> letters[1:3]
[1] "a" "b" "c"

R R Console
> letters[ c(2,4,6) ]
[1] "b" "d" "f"
```

Vector Indexing

□ A logical vector

```
> x <- 1:10  
>x  
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
  
> x[ (x > 5) ]  
[1] 6 7 8 9 10
```

Vector Indexing

□ A logical vector

```
> x <- 1:10  
>x  
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
> x[ (x%%2==0) ] #%% indicates x mod y  
[1] 2 4 6 8 10      #values for which x mod 2 is 0  
                      #remainder is zero
```

Vector Indexing

□ A logical vector

```
> x <- 1:10  
>x  
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
> x[ (x%%2==1) ]  
[1] 1 3 5 7 9      #values for which x mod 2 is 1  
                      #remainder is 1
```

Vector Indexing

```
R Console
> x <- 1:10
> x
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
> x[ (x>5) ]
[1] 6 7 8 9 10
> x[ (x%%2==0) ]
[1] 2 4 6 8 10
> x[ (x%%2==1) ]
[1] 1 3 5 7 9
```

Vector Indexing

□ A logical vector

```
> x[5] <- NA  
  
> x  
[1] 1 2 3 4 NA 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
> y <- x[ !is.na(x) ] #! Means negation
```

```
> y  
[1] 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 # 5 is missing
```

```
> mean(x)  
[1] NA
```

```
> mean(y)  
[1] 5.555556
```

Vector Indexing

```
R Console

> x[5] <- NA
> x
[1] 1 2 3 4 NA 6 7 8 9 10
>
> y <- x[ !is.na(x) ]
> y
[1] 1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 10
>
> mean(x)
[1] NA
>
> mean(y)
[1] 5.555556
```

Vector Indexing

□ Vector of negative integers

```
> x <- 1:10  
> x  
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
> x[-(1:5)]  
[1] 6 7 8 9 10
```

has the same outcome as

```
> x[(6:10)]  
[1] 6 7 8 9 10
```

Vector Indexing

```
R Console
> x <- 1:10
> x
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
>
> x[-(1:5)]
[1] 6 7 8 9 10
>
> x[(6:10)]
[1] 6 7 8 9 10
```

❑ String vector

The elements of a vector can be named.

Using these **names**, we can access the vector elements.

names is used for functions to get or set the names of an object

```
> z <- list(a1 = 1, a2 = "c", a3 = 1:3)  
> z  
$a1  
[1] 1  
$a2  
[1] "c"  
$a3  
[1] 1 2 3
```

```
> names(z)  
[1] "a1" "a2" "a3"
```

❑ String vector

```
R R Console
> z <- list(a1 = 1, a2 = "c", a3 = 1:3)
> z
$a1
[1] 1
$a2
[1] "c"
$a3
[1] 1 2 3
> names(z)
[1] "a1" "a2" "a3"
```

□ String vector

Suppose want to change just the name of the third element.

```
> z <- list(a1 = 1, a2 = "c", a3 = 1:3)
```

```
> names(z)[3] <- "c2"
```

```
> z
```

```
$a1
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
$a2
```

```
[1] "c"
```

```
$c2
```

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

□ String vector

R Console

```
> z <- list(a1 = 1, a2 = "c", a3 = 1:3)
> names(z)[3] <- "c2"
> z
$a1
[1] 1

$a2
[1] "c"

$c2
[1] 1 2 3
```

□ String vector

Example

names is used for functions to get or set the names of an object

```
> x <- c(water=1, juice=2, lemonade=3 )
```

```
> names(x)
[1] "water"      "juice"       "lemonade"
```

```
> x["juice"]
juice
2
```

□ String vector

```
R R Console
> x <- c(water=1, juice=2, lemonade=3 )
> names(x)
[1] "water"      "juice"       "lemonade"
>
> x["juice"]
juice
 2
```

□ Empty index

```
> x <- 1:10
```

```
>x
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```
> x[ ]
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```



A screenshot of an R console window titled "R Console". The window shows the following R session:

```
> x <- 1:10
> x
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
>
> x[ ]
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

□ Matrices created from Lists

List can be heterogeneous (mixed modes).

We can start with a heterogeneous list,

give it dimensions, and

thus create a heterogeneous matrix

that is a mixture of numeric and character data:

Example

```
> ab <- list(1, 2, 3, "X", "Y", "Z")  
  
> dim(ab) <- c(2,3)  
  
> print(ab)  
      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
[1,] 1     3     "Y"  
[2,] 2     "X"   "Z"
```

□ Matrices created from Lists

```
R Console
> ab <- list(1, 2, 3, "X", "Y", "Z")
> dim(ab) <- c(2,3)
> print(ab)
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1     3     "Y"
[2,] 2     "X"   "Z"
```