

Introduction to Computing for Economics and Management

Midterm Summary



Data vectors



- The fundamental data type in R is the vector
- Data vectors are created with the construct c

```
> person.height <- c(1.70, 1.75, 1.62)
```

> person.height <- c(person.height, 1.81)

- Vector elements must all have the same mode
- Available modes: integer, numeric, character, Boolean, complex

Data vectors



- Missing values are denoted with NA
- We can assign names to the elements of a data vector to make the vector more readable

```
> person.height <- c(Can=1.70, Cem=1.75,
Hande=1.62)</pre>
```

```
> person.height
Can Cem Hande
1.70 1.75 1.62
```

Data vector indexing



 We can access a single element of a vector by providing the index of the element in square brackets

```
> person.height[1]
Can
1.7
```

We can select a subvector by providing a Boolean index vector

```
> person.height[c(T,F,T)]
Can Hande
1.70 1.62
```

Data vector indexing



We can specify the element indices directly

```
> person.height[c(1,3)]
  Can Hande
1.70 1.62
```

We exclude elements with negative indices

```
> person.height[c(-1, -3)]
Cem
1.75
```

We can change the values of the selected elements person.height[1] <- 1.72</p>

Data vector filtering



 The idea behind filtering is to apply a Boolean evaluation function to each element of the vector

```
> person.height > 1.65
  Can   Cem Hande
  TRUE  TRUE  FALSE
```

We use the results of the evaluation function for the filtering

```
> person.height[person.height > 1.65]
Can Cem
1.72 1.75
```

Data vector sorting



We use the function sort for sorting a vector

```
> sort(person.height)
Hande Can Cem
1.62 1.70 1.75
```

We can obtain a sorting in descending order

```
> sort(person.height, decreasing = TRUE)
Cem Can Hande
1.75 1.70 1.62
```

We can sort a vector according to the values of some other vector

```
> person.weight[order(person.height)]
Hande Can Cem
61 65 66
```

Vector recycling



When applying an operation to two vectors which requires them to be the same length, the shorter one will repeated until it is long enough to match the longer one

```
> c(1, 2, 3) + c(1, 2, 3, 4)
[1] 2 4 6 5

Warning message:
In c(1, 2, 3) + c(1, 2, 3, 4):
  longer object length is not a multiple of shorter object length
```

ifelse() function



ifelse(test, yes, no) returns a vector which is created from selected elements from the vectors yes and no: yes[i] is selected if test[i] is true and no[i] is selected if test[i] is false

Data vector operations



We can perform calculations with vectors just like ordinary numbers

Element wise operations

Vector addition, e.g. persons have gained/lost weight

```
> person.weight + c(1.5, 1.75, -0.5)
Can Cem Hande
66.50 67.75 60.50
```

Data vector operations



Operations on multiple vectors

 The result of a vector calculation can be assigned to a new data vector for further processing

```
> bmi <- person.weight / person.height^2</pre>
```

```
> bmi
Can Cem Hande
21.97134 21.55102 23.24341
```

Rounding of numbers



 Round to the specified number of decimal places with function round

```
> round(bmi, digits=1)
Can Cem Hande
22.0 21.6 23.2
```

• Alternative functions for rounding of numbers are ceiling, floor, trunc, and signif

Data vector operations



Often used functions that operates on vectors are mean, length and sd

```
> bmi <- person.weight / person.height^2</pre>
```

```
> mean(bmi)
[1] 23.31768
```

```
> length(bmi)
[1] 3
```

```
> sd(bmi)
[1] 2.294295
```

Creating regular sequences



The from: to syntax is a simple way to generate a sequence from from to to in steps of 1 or -1

```
> 1:5
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
> 11:15
[1] 11 12 13 14 15
> 3:0
[1] 3 2 1 0
> seq 1 100 <- 1:100
```

Function seq



- seq function arguments
 - from starting value of the sequence
 - to end value of the sequence
 - by increment of the sequence
 - length.out desired length of the sequence
 - along.with take the length from the length of this argument

```
> seq(5, 10)
[1] 5 6 7 8 9 10
> seq(5, 10, 2)
[1] 5 7 9
```

Creating repeated values with function rep



- rep function arguments and default values
 - vector of factor that is repeated

 - length.out = NA desired length of the result
 - each = 1 each element of x is repeated each times

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

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4
```

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

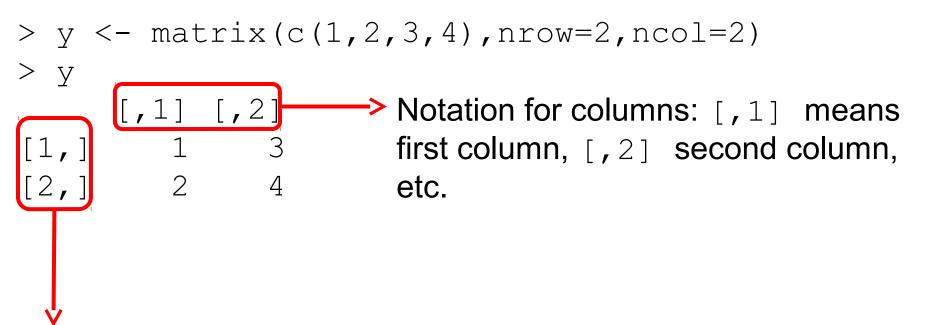
Matrix creation



- In R, a matrix is a vector with two additional attributes, the number of rows and number of columns
- One of the ways to create a matrix is via the matrix function to obtain a matrix from a given data vector with nrow number of rows and ncol number of columns

Matrix column and row notation





Notation for rows: [1,] means first row, [2,] second row, etc.

Matrix column and row access



 We can access single columns and rows with the respective column/row notation

```
> y <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4),nrow=2,ncol=2)
> y
     [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1 3
[2,] 2 4
> y[,1]
[1] 1 2
> y[2,]
[1] 2 4
```

Matrix single element access



 We can access single elements of the matrix by providing the indices of row and column

```
> y
    [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1 3
[2,] 2 4
> y[1,1]
[1] 1
> y[2,1]
[1] 2
```

Matrix creation order



- Storage of a matrix is in column-major order: first all of column 1 is stored, then all of column 2, etc.
- We can change the column-major order by providing the additional argument byrow = TRUE for filling the matrix by rows

Matrix row names and column names



We can provide names for the rows and columns of a matrix

```
> V
     [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1 3
[2,] 2 4
> rownames(y) <- c("Row1", "Row2")</pre>
> colnames(y) <- c("Col1", "Col2")</pre>
> y
    Coll Col2
Row1 1 3
Row2 2 4
```

Matrix creation with cbind and rbind



We can "glue" vectors together, columnwise or rowwise, using the cbind and rbind functions

Matrix modification with cbind and rbind



Add a column to an existing matrix

```
> y < - matrix(c(1,2,3,4),nrow=2)
> Y
    [,1] [,2]
[1,] 1 3
[2,] 2 4
> y < - cbind(c(11, 12), y)
> y
    [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 11 1 3
[2,] 12 2 4
```

Matrix recycling



The automatic lengthening of vectors also works with matrices

```
> z < - matrix(c(1:9), nrow=3)
    [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 4
[2,] 2 5 8
[3,] 3 6
> cbind(10, z)
    [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] 10 1 4
[2,] 10 2 5 8
[3,] 10 3 6
```

Matrix operations



- Matrix transposition t (y)
- Element by element product y * y
- Matrix multiplication y %*% y
- Matrix scalar multiplication 3 * y
- Matrix addition y + y



 We can access more than a single column/row/element at once

Select columns 2 and 3

```
> z[,c(2,3)]
       [,1] [,2]
[1,] 4 7
[2,] 5 8
[3,] 6 9
```



Select first and second row

Select third column of first and second row

$$> z[c(1,2),3]$$
 [1] 7 8



 We use negative subscripts to exclude certain elements, e.g. request all rows except the second

```
> z[,-2]

[,1] [,2]

[1,] 1 7

[2,] 2 8

[3,] 3 9
```



We can assign new values to submatrices

```
> Z
     [,1] [,2]
[1,]
[2,]
[3,]
  z[c(1:2), c(2:3)] \leftarrow matrix(c(20,21,22,23),
nrow=2)
> z
     [,1]
                  22
[1,]
[2,]
                  23
[3,]
              6
```



 We can delete rows or columns by reassignment, e.g. keep only first two rows and delete third row

```
[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 4 7
[2,] 2 5 8
[3,] 3 6
> z < - z[c(1,2),]
> Z
   [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 4 7
[2,] 2 5
```

Matrix filtering



- Similar to data vector filtering, the concept behind is to first apply a Boolean evaluation function
- For each single element, the Boolean evaluation function returns TRUE in case of a positive evaluation and FALSE in case of a negative evaluation

```
> z > 3

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

[1,] FALSE TRUE TRUE

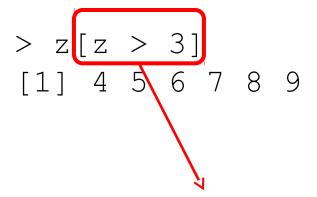
[2,] FALSE TRUE TRUE

[3,] FALSE TRUE TRUE
```

Matrix filtering



 Similar to data vector filtering, we can perform evaluation and filtering in one line

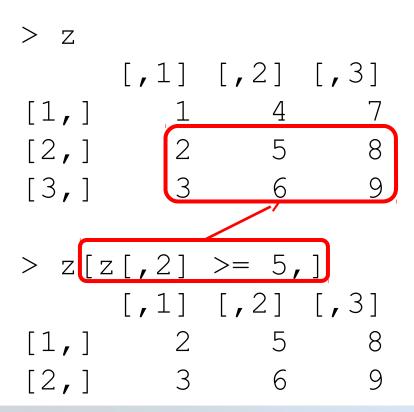


We provide the evaluation function directly in the square brackets for selecting those elements that fulfill the evaluation function

Matrix filtering



In contrast to data vector filtering, we can perform more complex filtering tasks with matrices, e.g. obtain those rows of matrix z having elements in the second column which are at least equal to 5



Matrix function apply()

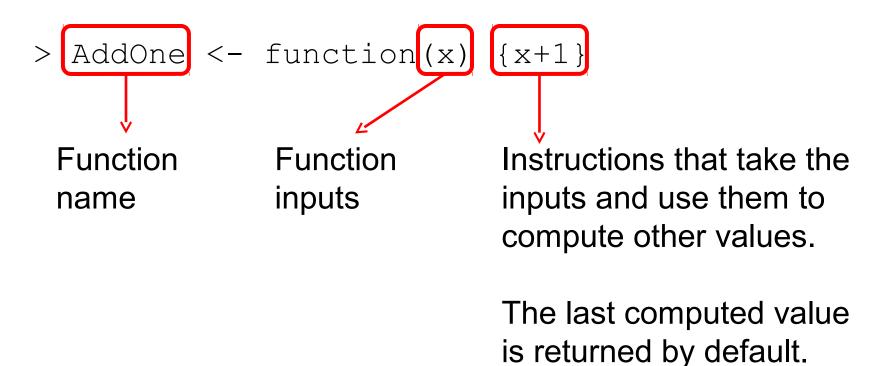


- An often used generic function in R is apply ()
- apply() executes a user-specified function on each of the rows or each of the columns of a matrix
- apply(m,dimcode,f,fargs)
 - m is the matrix
 - dimcode equal to 1 means that the function is applied to rows, dimcode equal to 2 means that the function is applied to columns
 - f is the function to be applied
 - fargs is an optional set of arguments to be supplied to f

Writing our own function



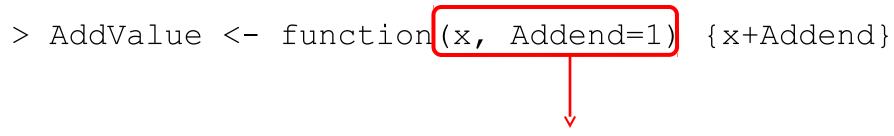
 We write a simple function that adds 1 to its input and returns the result



Writing our own function



 Let's write another more sophisticated function that adds a user-specified value to its first input



In addition to the first input x we specify a second input Addend with default value 1.

Using our own function with apply()



• First we apply AddValue to the rows of z

Resulting vector when adding 1 to the first row

Lists



- Lists can combine objects of different types
- We create a list to represent the data from Joe

```
> joe <- list("Joe", 55000, T)</pre>
```

An entire employee database might then be a list of lists

Creating lists



Let's check our new list joe

```
> joe
[[1]]
[1] "Joe"

[[2]]
[1] 55000

[[3]]
[1] TRUE
```

• We observe that the three components name, salary and membership are indexed by [[1]], [[2]], and [[3]]

Creating lists



 We better provide name tags for our components when creating a list

```
> joe <- list(name="Joe", salary=55000,</pre>
staff=T)
> joe
$name
[1] "Joe"
$salary
[1] 55000
$staff
[1] TRUE
```

List indexing



 We can access list components in several different ways – each of them is useful in different contexts

```
> joe$salary
[1] 55000
> joe[["salary"]]
[1] 55000
> joe[[2]]
[1] 55000
```

Adding list elements



- New components can be added after a list is created
- We can add new components in different ways

```
> joe <- list(name="Joe", salary=55000,
staff=T)
```

- > joe\$age <- 39
- > joe[[5]] <- 1976
- > joe[6:7] <- c(TRUE, TRUE)

Deleting list elements



We can delete a list component by setting it to NULL

```
> joe$salary <- NULL</pre>
```

- > joe\$staff <- NULL
- After deleting, the indices of subsequent elements automatically move up

Vectors as list components



Beside storing atomic entries like Joe or 55000 in a list, we can have vectors as list components

```
> my.list <- list(vec1 = c(1,2), vec2 =
c(3,4), vec3 = 5:7)
> my.list
$vec1
[1] 1 2
$vec2
[1] 3 4
$vec3
[1] 5 6 7
```



Let's consider this sentence as our text example:

a text consists of a word and another word and so on and so forth

For each word we need to obtain the location in the text:

```
a 1 5
```

text 2

consists 3

of 4

word 6 9

and 7 10 13

another 8

so 11 14

on 12



- Let's assume that we iterate through our text in a word by word manner: a, text, consists, of, a, ...
- Let's further assume that the current word in our iteration is always stored in the variable word
- Let's further assume that we have a counter i which is increased by 1 for every word: the counter tells the current position in the text



Let's start with initializing our word list

```
> word.list <- list()</pre>
```

Our first word a is stored in the variable word

```
word <- "a"
```

Since it is our first word, our counter i has the value 1

```
> i <- 1
```

Now we add our current word a to our word list

```
> word.list[[word]] <- c(word.list[[word]], i)</pre>
```



Let's check our word list after the first iteration

```
> word.list
$a
[1] 1
```

- We interpret this intermediate result as word a has position 1
- We go on with a few other words



When we check word.list again we obtain

```
> word.list
$a
[1] 1 5
$text
[1] 2
$consists
[1] 3
$of
[1] 4
```

Accessing list components



If the components in a list do have tags, we can obtain them via names ()

Sort word list alphabetically



We can write all three steps in one line

```
> word.list[sort(names(word.list))]
$a
[1] 1 5
$consists
[1] 3
$of
[1] 4
$text
[1] 2
```

Accessing list values



We can obtain list values by using unlist()

```
> unlist(joe)
  name salary staff
"Joe" "55000" "TRUE"

> unlist(word.list)
  a1   a2  text consists   of
  1   5   2   3   4
```

- We observe that in the first case we retrieve a vector of character strings and in the second case a numeric vector
- The reason for the different result modes is that list components are coerced to a common mode during unlist

Applying functions to lists



- apply() executes a user-specified function on each of the rows or each of the columns of a matrix, e.g. apply(z,1,mean) compute the row means of matrix z
- The function lapply() works like the apply() function: the specified function is applied on each component of a list and another list is returned
- lapply(l, f, fargs)
 - 1 is the list
 - f is the function
 - fargs is an optional set of arguments for function f

Applying functions to lists



Example: count number of words from our word.list

```
> lapply(word.list, length)
$a
[1] 2
$text
[1] 1
$consists
[1] 1
$of
[1] 1
```

Applying functions to lists



sapply() works like lapply() but instead of a list it
returns a vector or a matrix

Previous example with sapply()

Sort word list by word frequency



We can write all three steps in one line

```
> word.list[order(sapply(word.list, length))]
$text
[1] 2
$consists
[1] 3
$of
[1] 4
$a
[1] 1 5
```

Data frame



- A data frame is like a matrix, with a two-dimensional rowsand columns structure
- Each column may have a different mode, e.g. one column may consist of numbers, and another column might have character strings or Boolean entries
- On a technical level, a data frame is a list: each component of that list consists of equal-length vectors

Creating data frames



 One way to create a data frame is to combine available equal-length vectors

 We observe that the columns retain their original mode and that the vector element names are used to label the rows of the data frame

Accessing data frames



 Since a data frame is technically a list, we can access it via component index values or component names

```
> person[[1]]
[1] 1.70 1.75 1.62

> person[["height"]]
[1] 1.70 1.75 1.62

> person$height
[1] 1.70 1.75 1.62
```

Accessing data frames



We can access it in a matrix-like fashion as well, e.g. view column 1

```
> person[,1]
[1] 1.70 1.75 1.62
```

Element in third row, second column

```
> person[3,2] [1] 61
```

Data frame indexing



 Since data frames can be accessed in a matrix-like fashion, we can select rows and columns in a matrix-like way

First and second row

```
> person[c(1,2),]
    height weight member
Can 1.70 65 TRUE
Cem 1.75 66 TRUE
```

Third column of first and second row

```
> person[c(1,2),3]
[1] TRUE TRUE
```

Data frame indexing



 Like for matrices, we can use negative indices to exclude rows or columns

```
> person[-3,]
    height weight member
Can 1.70 65 TRUE
Cem 1.75 66 TRUE
```

```
> person[,-3]
    height weight
Can     1.70     65
Cem     1.75     66
Hande     1.62     61
```

Data frame filtering



- Similar to data vector and matrix filtering, the concept behind is to apply a Boolean evaluation function
- Example: retrieve all observations for which person height is at least 1.7

```
> person[person$height >= 1.7,]
    height weight member
Can 1.70 65 TRUE
Cem 1.75 66 TRUE
```

Data frame modifications



- Like for matrices, we can use rbind() and cbind() to add new rows or columns to a data frame
- Usually, we add a new row in form of a list

```
> person <- rbind(person, Lale=list(1.76, 64, T))</pre>
```

> person

height weight member
Can 1.70 65 TRUE
Cem 1.75 66 TRUE

Hande 1.62 61 TRUE

Lale 1.76 64 TRUE

Data frame modifications



We use cbind() for adding a new column

Data frame modifications



As an alternative to cbind() we can use the \$ notation

```
> person$BMI <- person$weight /
person$height^2</pre>
```

> person

	height	weight	member	initial	BMI
Can	1.70	65	TRUE	С	22.49135
Cem	1.75	66	TRUE	С	21.55102
Hande	1.62	61	TRUE	Н	23.24341
Lale	1.76	64	TRUE	L	20.66116

Data import with read. table



The function read.table is the most convenient way to read in a rectangular grid of data from a text file

```
> help(read.table)
read.table(file, header = FALSE, sep = "", quote = "\"'",
           dec = ".", row.names, col.names,
           as.is = !stringsAsFactors,
           na.strings = "NA", colClasses = NA, nrows = -1,
           skip = 0, check.names = TRUE,
           fill = !blank.lines.skip,
           strip.white = FALSE, blank.lines.skip = TRUE,
           comment.char = "#",
           allowEscapes = FALSE, flush = FALSE,
           stringsAsFactors = default.stringsAsFactors(),
           fileEncoding = "", encoding = "unknown", text)
```

Data import



Now, we import the data into the data frame person.data by using the function read.table

```
> person.data <- read.table(header=TRUE,</pre>
"height weight data.txt", sep=",")
> person.data
    Name Height Weight
     Can 1.70
                  65
     Cem 1.75 66
  Hande 1.62 61
  Lale 1.76 64
4
    Arda 1.78 63
6
  Bilgin 1.77 84
     Cem 1.69
                  75
8
  Ozlem 1.75 65
9
     Ali 1.73
                  75
                  81
10
   Haluk 1.71
```

Data modifications



We add a new column BMI like we did before

```
> person.data$BMI <- person.data$Weight /
person.data$Height^2</pre>
```

> person.data Name Height Weight BMI Can 1.70 65 22.49135 Cem 1.75 66 21.55102 3 61 23.24341 Hande 1.62 4 Lale 1.76 64 20.66116 5 Arda 1.78 63 19.88385 Bilgin 1.77 84 26.81222 6 Cem 1.69 75 26.25958 8 Ozlem 1.75 65 21.22449 9 75 25.05931 Ali 1.73 10 Haluk 1.71 81 27.70083

Data modifications



 We can change the values of a column by reassigning the column with the new values, e.g. rounding BMI

```
> person.data$BMI <- round(person.data$BMI, 2)</pre>
```

```
> person.data
    Name Height Weight
                      BMI
          1.70 65 22.49
     Can
     Cem 1.75 66 21.55
   Hande 1.62 61 23.24
3
    Lale 1.76 64 20.66
    Arda 1.78 63 19.88
  Bilgin 1.77 84 26.81
6
     Cem 1.69 75 26.26
8
   Ozlem 1.75 65 21.22
9
     Ali 1.73
                  75 25.06
                  81 27.70
10
   Haluk 1.71
```

Data modifications



- When creating new columns, we can make use of functions to compute the values of a new column
- Let's recapitulate the ifelse() function
- ifelse(test, yes, no) returns a vector which is created from selected elements from the vectors yes and no: yes[i] is selected if test[i] is true and no[i] is selected if test[i] is false

Data frame modifications



Let's use ifelse() to create a new column which indicates whether BMI is above 22.5

```
> person.data$above22.5 <- ifelse(person.data$BMI>22.5, T ,F)
> person.data
    Name Height Weight BMI above22.5
       1.70 65 22.49
     Can
                            FALSE
     Cem 1.75 66 21.55
                            FALSE
   Hande 1.62 61 23.24
                             TRUE
  Lale 1.76 64 20.66 FALSE
    Arda 1.78 63 19.88
                            FALSE
  Bilgin 1.77 84 26.81
                             TRUE
     Cem 1.69 75 26.26
                             TRUE
   Ozlem 1.75 65 21.22
                            FALSE
    Ali 1.73
                 75 25.06
                             TRUE
   Haluk 1.71
                 81 27.70
10
                             TRUE
```

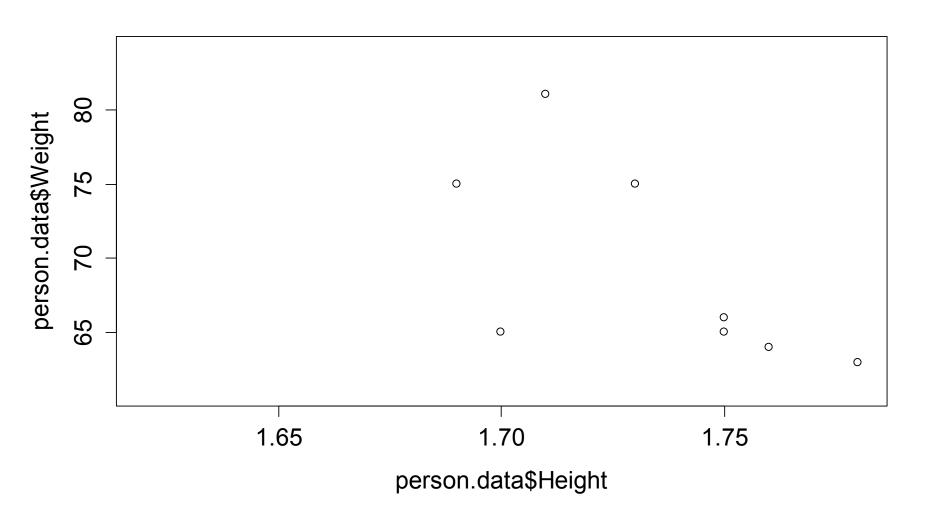
Scatter Plot



- Beside numeric summary statistics, a convenient way for data exploration is plotting
- R provides us many powerful tools for plotting
- We will learn more about plotting later
- For now, we create a simple scatter plot by plotting height on the x-axis and weight on the y-axis
 - > plot(person.data\$Height, person.data\$Weight)

Scatter Plot





Merging data frames



We merge the two data frames using the merge() function

Short Summary Vectors



Integer mode

```
> person.weight <- c(65, 66, 61)
```

Numeric (floating-point number)

```
> person.height <- c(1.70, 1.75, 1.62)
```

Character (string)

```
> person.name <- c("Can", "Cem", "Hande")</pre>
```

Logical (Boolean)

```
> person.female <- c(FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)
```

Complex

> complex.numbers <- c(1+2i, -1+0i)

Short Summary Vectors



Assign names to the elements of a data vector

```
> person.height <- c(Can=1.70, Cem=1.75,
Hande=1.62)</pre>
```

Indexing

```
> person.height[c(T,F,T)]
   Can Hande
1.70  1.62

> person.height[c(1,3)]
   Can Hande
1.70  1.62

> person.height[-1]
   Cem Hande
1.75  1.62
```

Short Summary Vectors



Filtering

```
> person.height[person.height > 1.65]
Can Cem
1.72 1.75
```

Recycling

```
> c(1, 2, 3) + c(1, 2, 3, 4)
[1] 2 4 6 5
```

Vector operations

Short Summary Matrices



Creation

- > y <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4),nrow=2,ncol=2)
- > cbind(c(1,2), c(3,4))

Matrix operations

- Transposition t (y)
- Element by element product y * y
- Matrix multiplication y %*% y
- Matrix scalar multiplication 3 * y
- Matrix addition y + y
- Indexing, e.g. select first and second row
 - > z[c(1,2),]

Short Summary Matrices



Assign new values to submatrices

```
> z[c(1:2), c(2:3)] <- matrix(c(20,21,22,23), nrow=2)
```

Filtering, e.g. obtain those rows of matrix z having elements in the second column which are at least equal to 5

```
> z[z[,2] >= 5,]
```

Short Summary Lists



Creation

```
> joe <- list(name="Joe", salary=55000,
staff=T)</pre>
```

Indexing

- > joe\$salary
- > joe[["salary"]]
- > joe[[2]]

Vectors as list components

```
> my.list <- list(vec1 = c(1,2), vec2 = c(3,4), vec3 = 5:7)
```

Short Summary Data frames



Creation

```
> person <- data.frame(height=person.height,
weight=person.weight)</pre>
```

Indexing

- > person[[1]]
- > person[["height"]]
- > person\$height
- > person[c(1,2),]
- > person[-3,]

Filtering

> person[person\$height >= 1.7,]

Short Summary Data frames



Data import

```
> person.data <- read.table(header=TRUE,
"height weight data.txt", sep=",")</pre>
```

Data modifications

```
> person.data$BMI <- person.data$Weight /
person.data$Height^2</pre>
```

Summary

> summary(person.data)

Merging

> merge(person.data, person.data2)