

R Data Structures

R Vectors

Vectors

A vector is simply a list of items that are of the same type. To combine the list of items to a vector, use the **c()** function and separate the items by a comma.

In the example below, we create a vector variable called **fruits**, that combine strings:

Example:

```
> # Vector of strings
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange")
>
> # Print fruits
> fruits
[1] "banana" "apple"  "orange"
```

In the following example, we create a vector that combines numerical values:

Example:

```
> # Vector of numerical values
> numbers <- c(1, 2, 3)
>
> # Print numbers
> numbers
[1] 1 2 3
```

You can also create numerical values with decimals in a sequence, but note that **if the last element does not belong to the sequence, it is not used**:

Example:

```
> # Vector with numerical decimals in a sequence
> numbers1 <- 1.5:6.5
> numbers1
[1] 1.5 2.5 3.5 4.5 5.5 6.5
>
> # Vector with numerical decimals in a sequence where the last element is not used
> numbers2 <- 1.5:6.3
> numbers2
```

```
[1] 1.5 2.5 3.5 4.5 5.5
```

In the example below, we create a vector of logical values:

Example:

```
> # Vector of logical values
> log_values <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)
>
> log_values
[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

Vector Length

To find out how many items a vector has, use the **length()** function:

Example

```
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange")
>
> length(fruits)
[1] 3
```

Sort a Vector

To sort items in a vector alphabetically or numerically, use the `sort()` function:

Example:

```
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange", "mango", "lemon")
> numbers <- c(13, 3, 5, 7, 20, 2)
>
> sort(fruits) # Sort a string
[1] "apple" "banana" "lemon" "mango" "orange"
> sort(numbers) # Sort numbers
[1] 2 3 5 7 13 20
```

Access Vectors

You can access the vector items by referring to its index number inside brackets []. **The first item has index 1, the second item has index 2, and so on:**

Example:

```
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange")
>
> # Access the first item (banana)
> fruits[1]
[1] "banana"
```

You can also access multiple elements by referring to different index positions with the c() function:numbers

Example:

```
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange", "mango", "lemon")
>
> # Access the first and third item (banana and orange)
> fruits[c(1, 3)]
[1] "banana" "orange"
```

You can also use negative index numbers to access all items except the ones specified:

Example:

```
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange", "mango", "lemon")
>
> # Access all items except for the first item
> fruits[c(-1)]
[1] "apple" "orange" "mango" "lemon"
```

Example:

```
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange", "mango", "lemon")
>
> # Access all items except for the first item
> fruits[c(-2, -3)]
[1] "banana" "mango" "lemon"
```

Change an Item

To change the value of a specific item, refer to the index number:

Example:

```
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange", "mango", "lemon")
```

```
> fruits # print fruits before change
[1] "banana" "apple" "orange" "mango" "lemon"
> # Change "banana" to "pear"
> fruits[1] <- "pear"
>
> # Print fruits after change
> fruits
[1] "pear" "apple" "orange" "mango" "lemon"
```

You can also change several elements:

Example:

```
> fruits <- c("banana", "apple", "orange", "mango", "lemon")
>
> # Change "banana" to "pear"
> fruits[c(1, 3)] <- c("pear", "kiwi")
>
> # Print fruits
> fruits
[1] "pear" "apple" "kiwi" "mango" "lemon"
```

Repeat Vectors

To repeat vectors, use the **rep()** function:

Example:

Repeat each value:

```
> repeat_each <- rep(c(1,2,3), each = 4)
>
> repeat_each # each number will be repeated 4 times
[1] 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3
```

Example:

Repeat the sequence of the vector:

```
> repeat_times <- rep(c(1,2,3), times = 3)
>
> repeat_times
[1] 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3
```

Example:

Repeat each value independently:

```
> repeat_indepent <- rep(c(1,2,3), times = c(5,2,1))
> # will repeat "1" five times, "2" two times "3" one time
> repeat_indepent
[1] 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 3
```

Generating Sequenced Vectors

One of the examples on top, showed you how to create a vector with numerical values in a sequence with the `:` operator:

Example:

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

To make bigger or smaller steps in a sequence, use the `seq()` function:

Example:

```
> numbers <- seq(from = 0, to = 100, by = 20)
>
> numbers
[1] 0 20 40 60 80 100
```

Note: The `seq()` function has three parameters: **from** is where the sequence starts, **to** is where the sequence stops, and **by** is the interval of the sequence.

R Data Structures

Data Frames

Data Frames are data displayed in a format as a table. Data Frames can have different types of data inside it. While the first column can be **character**, the second and third can be **numeric** or **logical**. However, each column should have the same type of data.

Use the `data.frame()` function to create a data frame:

Example:

```
> # Create a data frame
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),
```

```
+ Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),
+ Duration = c(60, 30, 45)
+ )
>
> # Print the data frame
> Data_Frame
  Training Pulse Duration
1 Strength   100       60
2 Stamina   150       30
3   Other   120       45
```

Summarize the Data

Use the **summary()** function to summarize the data of a Data Frame:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)
+ )
>
> Data_Frame
  Training Pulse Duration
1 Strength   100       60
2 Stamina   150       30
3   Other   120       45
>
> summary(Data_Frame)
  Training      Pulse      Duration
Length:3      Min.   :100.0    Min.   :30.0
Class :character 1st Qu.:110.0    1st Qu.:37.5
Mode  :character Median :120.0    Median :45.0
              Mean  :123.3    Mean   :45.0
              3rd Qu.:135.0    3rd Qu.:52.5
              Max.   :150.0    Max.   :60.0
```

You will learn more about the **summary()** function in the statistical part of the R tutorial.

Access Items

We can use single brackets [], double brackets [[]] or \$ to access columns from a data frame:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (  
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),  
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),  
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)  
+ )  
>  
> Data_Frame[1]  
  Training  
1 Strength  
2  Stamina  
3   Other  
>  
> Data_Frame[["Training"]]  
[1] "Strength" "Stamina" "Other"  
>  
> Data_Frame$Training  
[1] "Strength" "Stamina" "Other"
```

Add Rows

Use the **rbind()** function to add new rows in a Data Frame:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (  
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),  
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),  
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)  
+ )  
>  
> # Add a new row  
> New_row_DF <- rbind(Data_Frame, c("Strength", 110, 110))  
>  
> # Print the new row  
> New_row_DF  
  Training Pulse Duration  
1 Strength   100      60  
2  Stamina   150      30  
3   Other   120      45  
4 Strength   110     110
```

Add Columns

Use the **cbind()** function to add new columns in a Data Frame:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (  
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),  
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),  
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)
```

```
+ )
>
> # Add a new column
> New_col_DF <- cbind(Data_Frame, Steps = c(1000, 6000, 2000))
>
> # Print the new column
> New_col_DF
  Training Pulse Duration Steps
1 Strength   100      60  1000
2  Stamina   150      30  6000
3   Other   120      45  2000
```

Remove Rows and Columns

Use the **c()** function to remove rows and columns in a Data Frame:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)
+ )
>
> # Remove the first row and column
> Data_Frame_New <- Data_Frame[-c(1), -c(1)]
>
> # Print the new data frame
> Data_Frame_New
  Pulse Duration
2   150      30
3   120      45
```

Amount of Rows and Columns

Use the **dim()** function to find the amount of rows and columns in a Data Frame:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)
+ )
>
> dim(Data_Frame)
[1] 3 3
```

You can also use the `ncol()` function to find the number of columns and `nrow()` to find the number of rows:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (  
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),  
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),  
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)  
+ )  
>  
> ncol(Data_Frame)  
[1] 3  
> nrow(Data_Frame)  
[1] 3
```

Data Frame Length

Use the `length()` function to find the number of columns in a Data Frame (similar to `ncol()`):

Example:

```
> Data_Frame <- data.frame (  
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),  
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),  
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)  
+ )  
>  
> length(Data_Frame)  
[1] 3
```

Combining Data Frames

Use the `rbind()` function to combine two or more data frames in R vertically:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame1 <- data.frame (  
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),  
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),  
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)  
+ )  
>  
> Data_Frame2 <- data.frame (  
+   Training = c("Stamina", "Stamina", "Strength"),  
+   Pulse = c(140, 150, 160),  
+ )
```

```
+     Duration = c(30, 30, 20)
+ )
>
> New_Data_Frame <- rbind(Data_Frame1, Data_Frame2)
> New_Data_Frame
  Training Pulse Duration
1 Strength   100       60
2  Stamina   150       30
3   Other   120       45
4  Stamina   140       30
5  Stamina   150       30
6 Strength   160       20
```

And use the **cbind()** function to combine two or more data frames in R horizontally:

Example:

```
> Data_Frame3 <- data.frame (
+   Training = c("Strength", "Stamina", "Other"),
+   Pulse = c(100, 150, 120),
+   Duration = c(60, 30, 45)
+ )
>
> Data_Frame4 <- data.frame (
+   Steps = c(3000, 6000, 2000),
+   Calories = c(300, 400, 300)
+ )
>
> New_Data_Frame1 <- cbind(Data_Frame3, Data_Frame4)
> New_Data_Frame1
  Training Pulse Duration Steps Calories
1 Strength   100       60  3000      300
2  Stamina   150       30  6000      400
3   Other   120       45  2000      300
```