

Biometry. Lecture 10

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1 Inside R: Matrices, lists and data frames

- Lists
- Data frames (data tables)



```
> setwd("<working folder>")  
or  
"Change dir"  
in menu!
```

On Mac, be sure that startup option is working: `getwd()`
(`getwd()` checks if R is in working folder, `dir()` checks the folder
content)



Inside R: Matrices, lists and data frames

Lists



List is a collection of everything

- List may contain any type of objects
- Moreover, list can contain other lists, and so on



List examples

```
> fred <- list(name="Fred", wife.name="Mary", no.children=3,  
+ child.ages=c(1,5,9))  
> fred
```



Indexing of vectors, matrices and lists

```
> m[3] # third element of vector m
> ma[2, 1] # second row, first column
> fred[3] # lists may be indexed like vectors
> str(fred[3]) # it's a list!
> fred[[3]] # not the same as fred[1]!
> str(fred[[3]]) # it's a vector!
```



Names

In R, elements of vectors and lists, columns and rows of matrices may have *names*:

```
> names(fred)
> fred$wife.name # this is a selection by name
> w <- c(69, 68, 93, 87, 59, 82, 72)
> names(w) <- c("Rick", "Amanda", "Peter", "Alex",
+ "Kathy", "Ben", "George")
> w
> w["Rick"]
> rownames(ma) <- c("a1", "a2")
> colnames(ma) <- c("b1", "b2")
> ma
```



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Data frames (data tables)



More important than any other object

- This is a most important type of object; most of data are represented by data frames
- *Date frame is a list of vectors of same length*



How to create a data frame

```
> x <- c(174, 162, 188, 192, 165, 168, 172)
> sex <-c("male", "female", "male", "male", "female", "male", "male")
> m <- c("L", "XL", "S", "M", "S", "M", "XL")
> d <- data.frame(weight=w, height=x, size=m, sex=sex)
> d
> str(d)
```



Selection from data frames

```
> d$weight # by name
> d[[1]] # by number, as list
> d[,1] # by number of column, as matrix
> d["weight"] # by name of column
> d[,2:4] # columns 2, 3, 4
> d[,-1] # all columns except first
> d[-c(1,2),] # all rows except two first
```



Conversions

```
> b <- 1:8 # vector  
> dim(b) <- c(4,2) # two columns, four rows  
> b <- data.frame(b) # convert to data frame
```



Selection by condition

```
> d[d$sex=="female",] # will select only women  
> d[d$sex!="female",] # will select all other genders ;)
```

== is “equal?”, & “and”, | “or” and ! is “not”



Finishing...

Save your commands!

`(savehistory(<today's date>.r)` or File -> Save as... on
Mac)



Summary: most important commands

- `[`—selects an element, row or column
- `$`—selects by name from list or data frame



For Further Reading



A. Shipunov.

Biometry [Electronic resource].

2012—onwards.

Mode of access:

http://ashipunov.info/shipunov/school/biol_240



A. Shipunov, and many others.

Visual statistics. Use R!

2016—onwards.

Mode of access: http://ashipunov.info/shipunov/school/biol_240/en/visual_statistics.pdf

