

Stat 302
Statistical Software and Its Applications
Other Data Objects

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- A matrix object is a rectangular $n \times m$ array of elements of **same** type: numerical, character, etc.
- n is the number of rows, m is the number of columns.
- Typically rows represent subjects, and columns represent different variables measured for each subject.
- The rectangular data structure ensures same number of measurements per subject.
- Having more than one variable per subject allows us to examine correlations between various measurements.
- We could also view such data as a collection of equal length variable vectors, stacked next to each other.

How to Create a Matrix

```
> A <- matrix(1:12,nrow=3,ncol=4,byrow=F)
```

```
> A
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]    1    4    7   10
[2,]    2    5    8   11
[3,]    3    6    9   12
```

```
> B <- matrix(letters[1:12],nrow=3,byrow=T)
```

```
> B
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] "a"  "b"  "c"  "d"
[2,] "e"  "f"  "g"  "h"
[3,] "i"  "j"  "k"  "l"
```

Only `nrow` or `ncol` need to be specified.

Stacking Columns or Rows Using `cbind()` and `rbind()`

```
> A <- cbind(1:3,4:6,7:9,10:12)
```

```
> A
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]    1    4    7   10
[2,]    2    5    8   11
[3,]    3    6    9   12
```

```
> B <- rbind(letters[1:4],letters[5:8],
+ letters[9:12])
```

```
> B
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] "a"  "b"  "c"  "d"
[2,] "e"  "f"  "g"  "h"
[3,] "i"  "j"  "k"  "l"
```

Naming Rows and Columns

```
> names(B)
NULL
> rownames(B) <- c("row1", "row2", "row3")
> B
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
row1 "a"  "b"  "c"  "d"
row2 "e"  "f"  "g"  "h"
row3 "i"  "j"  "k"  "l"
> colnames(B) <- c("col1", "col2", "col3", "col4")
> B
      col1 col2 col3 col4
row1 "a"  "b"  "c"  "d"
row2 "e"  "f"  "g"  "h"
row3 "i"  "j"  "k"  "l"
```

Extracting Matrix Values by Index

```
> A
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]    1    4    7   10
[2,]    2    5    8   11
[3,]    3    6    9   12
> A[1:2,3:4]
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]    7   10
[2,]    8   11
```

Extracting Matrix Values by Name

```
> B
      col1 col2 col3 col4
row1 "a"  "b"  "c"  "d"
row2 "e"  "f"  "g"  "h"
row3 "i"  "j"  "k"  "l"

> B[c("row1", "row3"), c("col2", "col3")]
      col2 col3
row1 "b"  "c"
row3 "j"  "k"

> B[c("row1", "row3"), 2:3]
      col2 col3
row1 "b"  "c"
row3 "j"  "k"
```

```
> Ar <- matrix(12:1,ncol=4)
> A+Ar
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]   13   13   13   13
[2,]   13   13   13   13
[3,]   13   13   13   13
```

Matrices are added by adding corresponding elements.

Same for $-$, $*$, $/$.

Matrices must have same dimension (columns and rows), otherwise the computer will cycle the smaller matrix.

Matrix/Vector Arithmetic

```
> A
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]    1    4    7   10
[2,]    2    5    8   11
[3,]    3    6    9   12
> A+1:3
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]    2    5    8   11
[2,]    4    7   10   13
[3,]    6    9   12   15
> A+1:4
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]    2    8   10   12
[2,]    4    6   12   14
[3,]    6    8   10   16
```

Vectors are expanded by column to a conforming matrix
Same for $-$, $*$, $/$.

Matrix Multiply (Linear Algebra)

An $m \times n$ matrix C can be multiplied by an $n \times k$ matrix D using the command `C %*% D`

```
> C
```

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

```
> D
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    6    4    2
[2,]    5    3    1
```

```
> C%*%D
```

```
      [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]   21   13    5
[2,]   32   20    8
```

To partially verify: $1 \cdot 6 + 3 \cdot 5 = 21$, $1 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot 3 = 13$

Matrix Vector Multiply (Linear Algebra)

An $m \times n$ matrix C can be multiplied by an $n \times 1$ vector d using the same command `C %*% d`

```
> C
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]    1    3
[2,]    2    4
> d <- c(2,3)
> C%*%d
      [,1]
[1,]    11
[2,]    16
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 3 \\ 2 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

Inverting a Square Matrix

For some square matrices G we can find a matrix G^{-1} such that by matrix multiply we get $GG^{-1} = G^{-1}G = I$. $G^{-1} = \text{solve}(G)$. Here I is the identity matrix, 1's on diagonal, 0's off diagonal.

```
> G <- matrix(1:4,ncol=2)
```

```
> G
```

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

```
> solve(G)
```

```
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]   -2  1.5
[2,]    1 -0.5
```

```
> solve(G)%*%G
```

```
      [,1] [,2]
[1,]    1    0
[2,]    0    1
```

Solving an $n \times n$ System of Equations

For a given $n \times n$ matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ and given vector $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ solve the following equations for the unknown vector $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$\begin{aligned}a_{11}x_1 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ &\dots = \dots \\ a_{n1}x_1 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n &= b_n\end{aligned}$$

in matrix multiply form this is just $Ax = b$ for vectors $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$. $x = A^{-1}Ax = A^{-1}b$.
 x can be obtained by the `solve` command via `solve(A, b) = x`.
For some A (singular) the equations cannot be solved, and A^{-1} does not exist.

Higher Dimensional Arrays

The notion of matrices as $m \times n$ arrays can be generalized to $n_1 \times n_2 \times n_3 \times \dots$ arrays.

```
> array(1:12, dim=c(2, 3, 2))
```

```
, , 1
```

	[, 1]	[, 2]	[, 3]
[1,]	1	3	5
[2,]	2	4	6

```
, , 2
```

	[, 1]	[, 2]	[, 3]
[1,]	7	9	11
[2,]	8	10	12

Many of the matrix operations work here as well. Leave it at that.

Lists

Lists are objects which are collections of other objects, such as data or function objects, lists, and lists of lists,...

```
> L <- list(M=1:4,A=letters[1:6],  
+ F = function(x){x^2})
```

```
> L
```

```
$M
```

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

```
$A
```

```
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f"
```

```
$F
```

```
function (x)
```

```
{
```

```
  x^2
```

```
}
```

Indexing of Lists via []

Within [] use an index vector or vector of component names

```
> L[1:2]
```

```
$M
```

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

```
$A
```

```
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f"
```

```
> L[c("M", "A")]
```

```
$M
```

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

```
$A
```

```
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f"
```

```
# sublist of first 2 elements of the source list
```


Indexing of Lists via `[[]]` and `$`

Within `[[]]` use a [single](#) index or component name

```
> L[["A"]] # same as L$A
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f"
> L[[2]]
[1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f"
# You get the indicated list object,
# not a sublist

> L[[2]][3] # same as L$A[3]
[1] "c"

> L[[3]](6) # same as L$F(6)
[1] 36
```

The `$` referencing works only when list component is named.

List within a List

```
> LL <- list(num = 1:3, list(letters[3:1],
+ LETTERS[1:2]))
> LL
$num # first component has name num
[1] 1 2 3

[[2]] # 2nd list component does not have a name
[[2]][[1]] # 1st subcomponent of 2nd component
[1] "c" "b" "a"

[[2]][[2]] # 2nd subcomponent of 2nd component
[1] "A" "B"

> LL[[2]][[1]] # 1st subcomp. of 2nd comp.
[1] "c" "b" "a"
> LL[[2]][[1]][2] # 2nd element of previous
[1] "b"
```

Data of different types can be captured in data frame objects.

```
> X <- data.frame(num=1:6, let=letters[6:1],  
+ Date=as.Date("1965/5/15")+0:5)
```

```
> X
```

	num	let	Date
1	1	f	1965-05-15
2	2	e	1965-05-16
3	3	d	1965-05-17
4	4	c	1965-05-18
5	5	b	1965-05-19
6	6	a	1965-05-20

```
> str(X)
```

```
'data.frame': 6 obs. of 3 variables:
```

```
$ num : int 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

```
$ let : Factor w/ 6 levels "a","b","c","d",...: 6 5
```

```
$ Date: Date, format: "1965-05-15" "1965-05-16" ..
```

The Nature of Data Frames

A data frame is really a special list, with the restriction that all its components are vectors of various types, all of the same length.

Referencing is the same as with lists

```
> X[[1]] # same as X$num
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

Note that `X$let` is automatically a factor.

To keep strings as character, use
`stringsAsFactors=F` in `data.frame()`.

stringsAsFactors=F in data.frame()

```
> X <-data.frame(num=1:6,let=letters[6:1],
+ Date=as.Date("1965/5/15")+0:5,
+ stringsAsFactors=F)
> X[1:3,2:3] # extract from data frames ~ matrices
  let      Date
1  f 1965-05-15
2  e 1965-05-16
3  d 1965-05-17
> str(X[1:3,2:3])
'data.frame':   3 obs. of  2 variables:
 $ let : chr  "f" "e" "d"
 $ Date: Date, format: "1965-05-15" "1965-05-16" ..
```

Why do we want to use data.frame?

Many datasets have different types of attributes. Here is an example from the *CO2* dataset in R.

```
> head(CO2)
  Plant   Type Treatment conc uptake
1   Qn1 Quebec nonchilled   95   16.0
2   Qn1 Quebec nonchilled  175   30.4
3   Qn1 Quebec nonchilled  250   34.8
4   Qn1 Quebec nonchilled  350   37.2
5   Qn1 Quebec nonchilled  500   35.3
6   Qn1 Quebec nonchilled  675   39.2
> is.data.frame(CO2)
[1] TRUE
```

Try `str(CO2)`.

What would happen if we `cbind` vectors with different structures?

Try the following:

```
cbind(c(1:6), letters[1:6])  
str(cbind(c(1:6), letters[1:6]))
```

Also try the following:

```
X <-data.frame(num=1:6, let=letters[6:1],  
stringsAsFactors=F)  
as.matrix(X)  
is.character(X)  
is.character(as.matrix(X))  
is.character(X$let)
```

Think about what happened.