AniMove general R Reference Card

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Getting help

help(topic) documentation on topic ?topic short alternative to help help.search("topic") search the help system apropos("topic") the names of all objects in the search list matching the regular expression "topic" help.start() start the HTML version of help

methods(a) e.g. methods(summary) gives all summary commands

Information about your data

str(a) display the internal structure of an R object

- summary(a) gives a "summary" of a, usually a statistical summary but it is *generic* meaning it has different operations for different classes of a
- ls() show objects in the search path; specify pat="pat" to search on a pattern

dir() show files in the current directory

Input and output

source("script.R") includes and executes script.R in this place read.table(f) reads a file in table format and creates a data frame

- from it; the default separator sep="" is any whitespace; use header=TRUE to read the first line as a header of column names: use as.is=TRUE to prevent character vectors from being converted to factors; use comment.char="" to prevent "#" from being interpreted as a comment; use skip=n to skip n lines before reading data; see the help for options on row naming, NA treatment, and others
- read.csv(f.header=TRUE) id. but with defaults set for reading comma-delimited files
- print(a, ...) prints its arguments; generic, meaning it can have different methods for different objects
- write.table(x, file=f,row.names=TRUE, col.names=TRUE, sep=" ") prints x after converting to a data frame; if quote is TRUE, character or factor columns are surrounded by quotes ("); sep is the field separator; eol is the endof-line separator; na is the string for missing values; use col.names=NA to add a blank column header to get the column headers aligned correctly for spreadsheet input data(f) loads specified data sets
- For database interaction, see packages RODBC, DBI, RMySQL, RPgSQL, ROracle, for other file formats see XML, hdf5, netCDF

Data creation & removal

$c(\ldots)$ generic function to combine arguments with the default forming a vector; with recursive=TRUE descends through lists combining all elements into one vector

- from:to generates a sequence; ":" has operator priority; 1:4 + 1 returns 2 3 4 5
- seq(from,to) generates a sequence by= specifies increment; length= specifies desired length
- seq(along=x) generates 1, 2, ..., length(along); useful for for loops
- rep(x.times) replicate x times; use each= to repeat "each" element of x each times; rep(c(1,2,3),2) is 1 2 3 1 2 3; rep(c(1,2,3),each=2) is 1 1 2 2 3 3
- data.frame(...) create a data frame of the named or unnamed arguments; data.frame(v=1:4, ch=c("a", "B", "c", "d"), n=10); shorter vectors are recycled to the length of the longest
- list(...) create a list of the named or unnamed arguments; list(a=c(1,2),b="hi",c=3i);
- array(x,dim=) array with data x; specify dimensions like dim=c(3,4,2); elements of x recycle if x is not long enough
- matrix(x,nrow=,ncol=) matrix; elements of x recycle

factor(x,levels=) encodes a vector x as a factor

- expand.grid() a data frame from all combinations of the supplied vectors or factors
- cbind(df1, df2), rbind(df1, df2) combine arguments by columns (rows) for data frames and the like

rm(obj) removes object

rm(list = ls(all = TRUE)) removes all objects

Indexing your data

addressing vectors

v[n]

v[-n]

v[1:n]

v[x > 3]

nth element all *but* the n^{th} element first n elements v[-(1:n)] elements from **n+1** to the end v[c(1,4,2)]specific elements v["name"] element named "name" all elements greater than 3 v[x > 3 & x < 5]all elements between 3 and 5 v[x %in% c("a", "and", "the")] elements in the given set



addressing lists

x[n] list with elements n x[[n]] \mathbf{n}^{th} element of the list x[["name"]] element of the list named "name" x\$name id.

addressing matrices

- x[i,j] element at row i, column j
- x[i,] row i
- x[,j] column i
- x[,c(1,3)] columns 1 and 3
- x["name",] row named "name"

adressing data frames

similar functions as in the matrix indexing plus: df[["name"]] column named "name" df\$name column named "name"

df[,"name"] column named "name"

Variable information

is.na(x), is.null(x), is.array(x), is.data.frame(x), is.numeric(x), is.complex(x), is.character(x), ... test for type; for a complete list, use methods(is)

length(x) number of elements in x

 $\dim(x)$ Retrieve or set the dimension of an object; $\dim(x) <$ c(3,2)

dimnames(x) Retrieve or set the dimension names of an object nrow(x) number of rows; NROW(x) is the same but treats a vector as a one-row matrix

ncol(x) and NCOL(x) id. for columns

class(x) get or set the class of x; class(x) <- "myclass"</pre>

unclass(x) remove the class attribute of x

- attr(x,which) get or set the attribute which of x
- attributes(obj) get or set the list of attributes of obj

Data selection and manipulation

- which.max(v), which.min(v) returns the index of the maximum (minimum) element of v
- rev(v) reverses the elements of v

- sort(v) sorts the elements of v in increasing order; to sort in decreasing order: rev(sort(x))
- cut(x,breaks) divides x into intervals (factors); breaks is the number of cut intervals or a vector of cut points
- match(x, y) returns a vector of the same length than x with the elements of x which are in y (NA otherwise)

na.omit(x) suppresses the observations with missing data (NA)

na.fail(x) returns an error message if x contains at least one NA
unique(x) if x is a vector or a data frame, returns a similar object

but with the duplicate elements suppressed table(x) returns a table with the numbers of the differents values

- of x (typically for integers or factors)
- subset(x, ...) returns a selection of x with respect to criteria
 (..., typically comparisons: x\$V1 < 10); if x is a data frame,
 the option select gives the variables to be kept or dropped
 using a minus sign</pre>
- sample(x, size) resample randomly and without replacement size elements in the vector x, the option replace = TRUE allows to resample with replacement

Math

- sin,cos,tan,asin,acos,atan,atan2,log,log10,exp
- range(x) id. then c(min(x), max(x))
- sum(x) sum of the elements of x
- diff(x) lagged and iterated differences of vector x
- prod(x) product of the elements of x
- mean(x) mean of the elements of ${\tt x}$
- median(x) median of the elements of x
- quantile(x,probs=) sample quantiles corresponding to the given
 probabilities (defaults to 0,.25,.5,.75,1)
- weighted.mean(x, w) mean of x with weights w
- $\mathtt{rank}(\mathtt{x})$ ranks of the elements of \mathtt{x}
- var(x) or cov(x) variance of the elements of x (calculated on n-1);
 if x is a matrix or a data frame, the variance-covariance ma trix is calculated
- sd(x) standard deviation of x
- cor(x) correlation matrix of x if it is a matrix or a data frame (1 if x is a vector)
- var(x, y) or cov(x, y) covariance between x and y, or between the columns of x and those of y if they are matrices or data frames
- cor(x, y) linear correlation between x and y, or correlation matrix
 if they are matrices or data frames
- <code>round(x, n)</code> rounds the elements of <code>x</code> to <code>n</code> decimals
- $\log({\tt v}, \ {\tt base})$ computes the logarithm of x with base ${\tt base} \log {\tt log10}({\tt v})$ ${\tt base} = 10$
- scale(x) if x is a matrix, centers and reduces the data; to center only use the option center=FALSE, to reduce only scale=FALSE (by default center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
- $\begin{array}{l} \texttt{pmin}(\texttt{x},\texttt{y},\ldots) \text{ a vector which } i\text{th element is the minimum of }\texttt{x[i]},\\ \texttt{y[i]},\ldots\end{array}$
- pmax(x,y,...) id. for the maximum
- cumsum(v) a vector which *i*th element is the sum from x[1] to x[i]

$$umprod(\mathbf{v}) f_i = \prod_{j=1..i} x_j = (x_1, x_1 \cdot x_2, \dots$$

 $\operatorname{cummin}(\mathbf{v}) \ f_i = \min(x_1 \dots x_i)$

- cummax(v) id. for the maximum
- union(x,y), intersect(x,y), setdiff(x,y), setequal(x,y),
 is.element(el,set) "set" functions
- fft(v) Fast Fourier Transform mvfft(x) FFT of each column of a
 matrix
- filter(x,filter) applies linear filtering to a univariate time series
 or to each series separately of a multivariate time series

Matrices

- t(x) transpose
- diag(x) diagonal

 $\protect\$ matrix multiplication and scalar product

solve(a,b) solves a %*% x = b for x

solve(a) matrix inverse of a

rowsum(x) sum of rows for a matrix-like object; rowSums(x) is a
 faster version
colsum(x), colSums(x) id, for columns

rowMeans(x) fast version of row means colMeans(x) id. for columns

Advanced data processing

- The apply family functions are very powerful and fast, they do replace a 'for loop' but are difficult to grasp.
- apply(X,INDEX,FUN=) a vector or array or list of values obtained by applying a function FUN to margins (INDEX) of X
- lapply(X,FUN) apply FUN to each element of the list X
- tapply(X,INDEX,FUN=) apply FUN to each cell of a ragged array
 given by X with indexes INDEX
- by(data,INDEX,FUN) apply FUN to data frame data subsetted by INDEX
- xtabs(a b,data=x) a contingency table from cross-classifying factors
- aggregate(df,by,FUN) splits a data frame into subsets, computes summary statistics for each, and returns the result in a convenient form; by is a list of grouping elements, each as long as the variables in the data frame
- unstack(x, ...) inverse of stack()

Reshaping your data

cast(x, ...) reshapes a data frame between 'wide' format with repeated measurements in separate columns of the same record and 'long' format with the repeated measurements in separate records; use (direction="wide") or (direction="long")

melt(x, ...) melts an object into a form suitable for casting

Strings

- substr(s,start,stop) substrings in a character vector; can also assign, as substr(s, start, stop) <- value</pre>

strsplit(s,split) split s according to the substring split

- grep(pattern,s) search pattern in s; see ?regex
- tolower(s), toupper(s) convert to lowercase (uppercase)
- match(x,table) a vector of the positions of first matches for the elements of x among table
- x %in% table id. but returns a logical vector

Dates and Times

All animal tracks come with a time stamp. The class Date has dates without times. POSIXct has dates and times, including time zones. Comparisons (e.g. >), seq(), and difftime() are useful. Date also allows + and -. ?DateTimeClasses gives more information. See also package chron.

- as.Date(s) and as.POSIXct(s) convert to the respective class; format(dt) converts to a string representation. The default string format is "2012-02-21". These accept a second argument to specify a format for conversion. Some common formats are:
- %a, %A Abbreviated and full weekday name.
- %b, %B Abbreviated and full month name.
- %d Day of the month (01–31).
- %H Hours (00-23).
- %I Hours (01–12).
- %j Day of year (001-366).
- %m Month (01-12).
- %M Minute (00-59).
- %p AM/PM indicator.
- **%** Second as decimal number (00–61).
- U Week (00–53); the first Sunday as day 1 of week 1.
- %w Weekday (0−6, Sunday is 0).
- W Week (00–53); the first Monday as day 1 of week 1.
- %y Year without century (00–99). Avoid it.
- %Y Year with century.
- %z (read only) Offset from Greenwich; -0800 is 8 hours west of.
- $\mbox{\sc x} Z$ (read only) Time zone as a character string (empty if not available).

Where leading zeros are shown they will be used on output but are optional on input. See ?strftime.



Plotting

Several plotting options exist in R to plot your results and these are constantly changing. Below you will find standard R plotting commands and further down more sophisticated options using e.g. ggplot2 functionality. Furthermore does R offer spatial data plotting options which can be found on the AniMove spatial cheat sheet.

- plot(y) plot of the values of y (on the *y*-axis) ordered on the *x*-axis
- plot(x, y) bivariate plot of x agains y

hist(x) histogram of the frequencies of x

- barplot(x) histogram of the values of x; use horiz=FALSE for horizontal bars
- dotchart(x) if x is a data frame, plots a Cleveland dot plot (stacked plots line-by-line and column-by-column)
- pie(x) circular pie-chart
- boxplot(x) "box-and-whiskers" plot
- sunflowerplot(x, y) id. than plot() but the points with similar coordinates are drawn as flowers which petal number represents the number of points
- stripplot(x) plot of the values of x on a line (an alternative to boxplot() for small sample sizes)
- $coplot(x^y \mid z)$ bivariate plot of x and y for each value or interval of values of z
- interaction.plot (f1, f2, y) if f1 and f2 are factors, plots the means of y (on the y-axis) with respect to the values of f1 (on the x-axis) and of f2 (different curves); the option fun allows to choose the summary statistic of y (by default fun=mean)
- matplot(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) bivariate plot of the first column of \mathbf{x} vs. the first one of y, the second one of x vs. the second one of y, etc.
- fourfoldplot(x) visualizes, with quarters of circles, the association between two dichotomous variables for different populations (x must be an array with dim=c(2, 2, k), or a matrix with dim=c(2, 2) if k = 1)
- assocplot(x) Cohen-Friendly graph showing the deviations from independence of rows and columns in a two dimensional contingency table
- mosaicplot(x) 'mosaic' graph of the residuals from a log-linear regression of a contingency table
- pairs(x) if x is a matrix or a data frame, draws all possible bivariate plots between the columns of **x**
- plot.ts(x) if x is an object of class "ts", plot of x with respect to time, x may be multivariate but the series must have the same frequency and dates
- ts.plot(x) id. but if x is multivariate the series may have different dates and must have the same frequency

qqnorm(x) quantiles of x with respect to the values expected under a normal law

qqplot(x, y) quantiles of y with respect to the quantiles of x

- contour(x, y, z) contour plot (data are interpolated to draw the curves), x and y must be vectors and z must be a matrix so that dim(z)=c(length(x), length(y)) (x and y may be omitted)
- filled.contour(x, y, z) id. but the areas between the contours are coloured, and a legend of the colours is drawn as well
- image(x, y, z) id. but with colours (actual data are plotted) persp(x, y, z) id. but in perspective (actual data are plotted)
- stars(x) if x is a matrix or a data frame, draws a graph with segments or a star where each row of x is represented by a star and the columns are the lengths of the segments
- symbols(x, y, ...) draws, at the coordinates given by x and y. symbols (circles, squares, rectangles, stars, thermometres or "boxplots") which sizes, colours ... are specified by supplementary arguments
- termplot(mod.obj) plot of the (partial) effects of a regression model (mod.obi)

The following parameters are common to many plotting functions: add=FALSE if TRUE superposes the plot on the previous one (if it exists)

- axes=TRUE if FALSE does not draw the axes and the box
- type="p" specifies the type of plot, "p": points, "1": lines, "b": points connected by lines, "o": id. but the lines are over the points, "h": vertical lines, "s": steps, the data are represented by the top of the vertical lines, "S": id. but the data are represented by the bottom of the vertical lines
- xlim=, ylim= specifies the lower and upper limits of the axes, for example with xlim=c(1, 10) or xlim=range(x)
- xlab=, ylab= annotates the axes, must be variables of mode character
- main= main title, must be a variable of mode character sub= sub-title (written in a smaller font)

Low-level plotting commands

points(x, y) adds points (the option type= can be used) lines(x, y) id. but with lines

- text(x, y, labels, ...) adds text given by labels at coortext(x, y, names)
- mtext(text, side=3, line=0, ...) adds text given by text in the margin specified by side (see axis() below); line specifies the line from the plotting area
- segments(x0, y0, x1, y1) draws lines from points (x0,y0) to points (x1.v1)
- arrows(x0, y0, x1, y1, angle= 30, code=2) id. with arrows at points (x0,y0) if code=2, at points (x1,y1) if code=1, or both if code=3: angle controls the angle from the shaft of the arrow to the edge of the arrow head
- abline(a,b) draws a line of slope b and intercept a

abline(h=y) draws a horizontal line at ordinate y (vertical line: =v

abline(lm.obj) draws the regression line given by lm.obj

- rect(x1, y1, x2, y2) draws a rectangle which left, right, bottom, and top limits are x1, x2, y1, and y2, respectively
- polygon(x, y) draws a polygon linking the points with coordinates given by x and y
- legend(x, y, legend) adds the legend at the point (x,y) with the symbols given by legend
- title() adds a title and optionally a sub-title
- axis(side, vect) adds an axis at the bottom (side=1), on the left (2), at the top (3), or on the right (4); vect (optional) gives the abcissa (or ordinates) where tick-marks are drawn
- locator(n, type="n", ...) returns the coordinates (x, y) after the user has clicked **n** times on the plot with the mouse; also draws symbols (type="p") or lines (type="l") with respect to optional graphic parameters (\ldots) ; by default nothing is drawn (type="n")

Graphical parameters

These can be set globally with $par(\ldots)$; many can be passed as parameters to plotting commands.

- adj controls text justification (0 left-justified, 0.5 centred, 1 rightjustified)
- bg specifies the colour of the background (ex. : bg="red", bg="blue", ... the list of the 657 available colours is displayed with colors())
- bty controls the type of box drawn around the plot, allowed values are: "o", "l", "7", "c", "u" ou "]" (the box looks like the corresponding character); if bty="n" the box is not drawn
- cex a factor controlling the default size of texts and symbols; you can scale numbers on the axes, cex.axis, the axis labels, cex.lab, the title, cex.main, and the sub-title, cex.sub
- col controls the color of symbols and lines; use color names: "red", "blue" see colors() or as "#RRGGBB"; see rgb(), hsv(), gray(), and rainbow(); as for cex there are: col.axis, col.lab, col.main, col.sub
- font an integer which controls the style of text (1: normal, 2: italics, 3: bold, 4: bold italics); as for cex there are: font.axis, font.lab, font.main, font.sub
- las an integer which controls the orientation of the axis labels (0: parallel to the axes, 1: horizontal, 2: perpendicular to the axes, 3: vertical)
- dinates (x,y); a typical use is: plot(x, y, type="n"); Ity controls the type of lines, can be an integer or string (1: "solid", 2: "dashed", 3: "dotted", 4: "dotdash", 5: "longdash", 6: "twodash", or a string of up to eight characters (between "0" and "9") which specifies alternatively the length, in points or pixels, of the drawn elements and the blanks, for example 1ty="44" will have the same effect than ltv=2
 - lwd a numeric which controls the width of lines, default 1
 - mar a vector of 4 numeric values which control the space between the axes and the border of the graph of the form c(bottom. left, top, right), the default values are c(5.1, 4.1, 4.1, 2.1)

mfcol a vector of the form c(nr,nc) which partitions the graphic window as a matrix of nr lines and nc columns, the plots are then drawn in columns

mfrow id. but the plots are drawn by row

- pch controls the type of symbol, either an integer between 1 and 25, or any single character within ""
- 1 2 △ 3 + 4 × 5 ◇ 6 ▽ 7 ⊠ 8 ¥ 9 ◆ 10 ⊕ 11 ⊠ 12 ⊞ 13 ⊗ 14 ⊠ 15 16● 17▲ 18◆ 19● 20● 21○ 22□ 23◇ 24△ 25▽ * * . • XX a a ??

ps size in points of texts and symbols as integer

pty a character which specifies the type of the plotting region, "s": square, "m": maximal

ggplot2

ggplot2 comes with its own syntax which is different from normal R syntax. It takes quite a while to learn it but produces very fancy graphics.

qplot(x=vx, y=vy, data=df) plots columns df\$vx and df\$vy ggsave() save the last plot

ggplot2 comes with a lot of more functions, please read the ggplot2 manual for further information. The reshape2 package is very handy for reshaping your data and RColorBrewer increases your color choices.

Lattice (Trellis) graphics

xvplot(v~x) bivariate plots (with many functionalities)

- barchart(y^x) histogram of the values of y with respect to those of x
- dotplot(y~x) Cleveland dot plot (stacked plots line-by-line and column-by-column)

densityplot(~x) density functions plot

histogram(~x) histogram of the frequencies of x

- bwplot(y~x) "box-and-whiskers" plot
- qqmath(~x) quantiles of x with respect to the values expected under a theoretical distribution
- stripplot(y~x) single dimension plot, x must be numeric, y may be a factor
- qq(y~x) quantiles to compare two distributions, x must be numeric, y may be numeric, character, or factor but must have two 'levels'
- splom(~x) matrix of bivariate plots
- $levelplot(z^x x + y | g1 + g2)$ coloured plot of the values of z at the coordinates given by \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} (\mathbf{x} , \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} are all of the same length)
- wireframe(z~x*y|g1*g2) 3d surface plot
- cloud(z~x*y|g1*g2) 3d scatter plot

Statistics, optimization and model fitting

aov(formula) analysis of variance model

- anova(fit,...) analysis of variance (or deviance) tables for one or more fitted model objects
- lm(formula) fit linear models; formula is typically of the form response termA + termB + ...; use $I(x*y) + I(x^2)$ for terms made of nonlinear components
- glm(formula.family=) fit generalized linear models, specified by giving a symbolic description of the linear predictor and a description of the error distribution; family is a description of the error distribution and link function to be used in the model; see ?family
- nls(formula) nonlinear least-squares estimates of the nonlinear model parameters
- glm() generalized linear model
- gam() generalized additive model
- kmeans() kmeans clustering
- tree() builds a decision tree
- rpart() builds a decision tree
- randomForest() random forest machine learning
- maxent() Maximum Entropy model
- svm() Support Vector Machines in the e1071 package, but other packages provide SVM as well such as: kernlab, klaR, svmpath, shogun
- approx(x,y=) linearly interpolate given data points; x can be an xy plotting structure
- spline(x,y=) cubic spline interpolation
- loess(formula) fit a polynomial surface using local fitting
- predict(fit,...) predictions from fit based on input data
- coef(fit) returns the estimated coefficients (sometimes with their standard-errors)
- residuals(fit) returns the residuals
- deviance(fit) returns the deviance
- fitted(fit) returns the fitted values
- logLik(fit) computes the logarithm of the likelihood and the num-
- ber of parameters
- AIC(fit) computes the Akaike information criterion or AIC

Distributions

rnorm(n, mean=0, sd=1) Gaussian (normal) rexp(n, rate=1) exponential rgamma(n, shape, scale=1) gamma rpois(n, lambda) Poisson rt(n, df) 'Student' (t) rchisq(n, df) Pearson rbinom(n, size, prob) binomial rlogis(n, location=0, scale=1) logistic rnbinom(n, size, prob) negative binomial runif(n, min=0, max=1) uniform rwilcox(nn, m, n), rsignrank(nn, n) Wilcoxon's statistics All these functions can be used by replacing the letter **r** with **d**, **p** or q to get, respectively, the probability density $(dfunc(x, \ldots))$. the cumulative probability density (pfunc(x, ...)), and the value of quantile (qfunc(p, ...), with 0).

Programming

function(arglist) expr function definition return(value) if(cond) expr if(cond) cons.expr else alt.expr for(var in seq) expr while(cond) expr repeat expr break next Use braces {} around statements ifelse(test, yes, no) a value with the same shape as test filled with elements from either yes or no

Examples in this document use the variables df = data frame object, $\mathbf{v} = \text{vector}$, $\mathbf{s} = \text{string}$, $\mathbf{f} = \text{filename}$ as string

Credits

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