Data vectors math612.0 A1: From numbers through algebra to calculus and linear algebra

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The plane

Pairs of numbers can be depicted as points on a plane. The plane is normally denoted by \mathbb{R}^2 .

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Simple plots in R





Figure: Points on a plane, drawn with R.

The following R commands can be used to generate a plot with two points.

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> plot(1,2,xlim=c(0,5),ylim=c(0,5),xlab="x",ylab="y")
> points(3,1)
> text(1,2,"(1,2)",pos=4, cex=2)
> text(3,1,"(3,1)",pos=4, cex=2)
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Data

Data are usually a sequence of numbers, typically called a vector.

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Indices for a data vector

If data are in a vector x, then we use <u>indices</u> to refer to individual elements. If i is an integer then x_i denotes the i'th element of x. Note that we do not distinguish (much) between rows and columns.

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Summation

We use the symbol Σ to denote sums. In R, the sum function adds numbers. If x = (4, 5, 3, 7) then

$$\sum_{i=2} x_i = x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 5 + 3 + 7 = 15.$$

Within R:

> x<-c(4,5,3,7)
> x
[1] 4 5 3 7
> sum(x)
[1] 19
>

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