Introduction to Programming

Lecture 9-10: Introduction to R (cont'd)

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More functions

Working with several files (cont'd)

- Write a function called `analyze()` that :
  1. takes a `filename` as an argument
  2. displays the three graphs produced in the previous lesson (average, min and max inflammation over time).
- Hint : `analyze("../data/inflammation-01.csv")` should produce the three graphs already shown, while `analyze("../data/inflammation-02.csv")` should produce corresponding graphs for the second data set. Be sure to document your function with comments.

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- How to save results ?
  i. add `pdf("inflammation-01.pdf")` before calling the function `analyze()`
  ii. add `dev.off()` after.

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Solution 1 : use `pattern = glob2rx("*inf*.csv")`
Solution 2 : use `pattern = "inflammation-[0-9]2.csv"`

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- Our previous lessons have shown us how to :
  1. manipulate data
  2. define our own functions
  3. repeat things.
- However, the programs we have written so far always do the same things, regardless of what data they're given. We want programs to make choices based on the values they are manipulating.

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- **Exercise 2** : What does this code do ?

```
num <- 37

if (num > 100) {
print("greater")
}

else {
print("not greater")
}

print("done")
```

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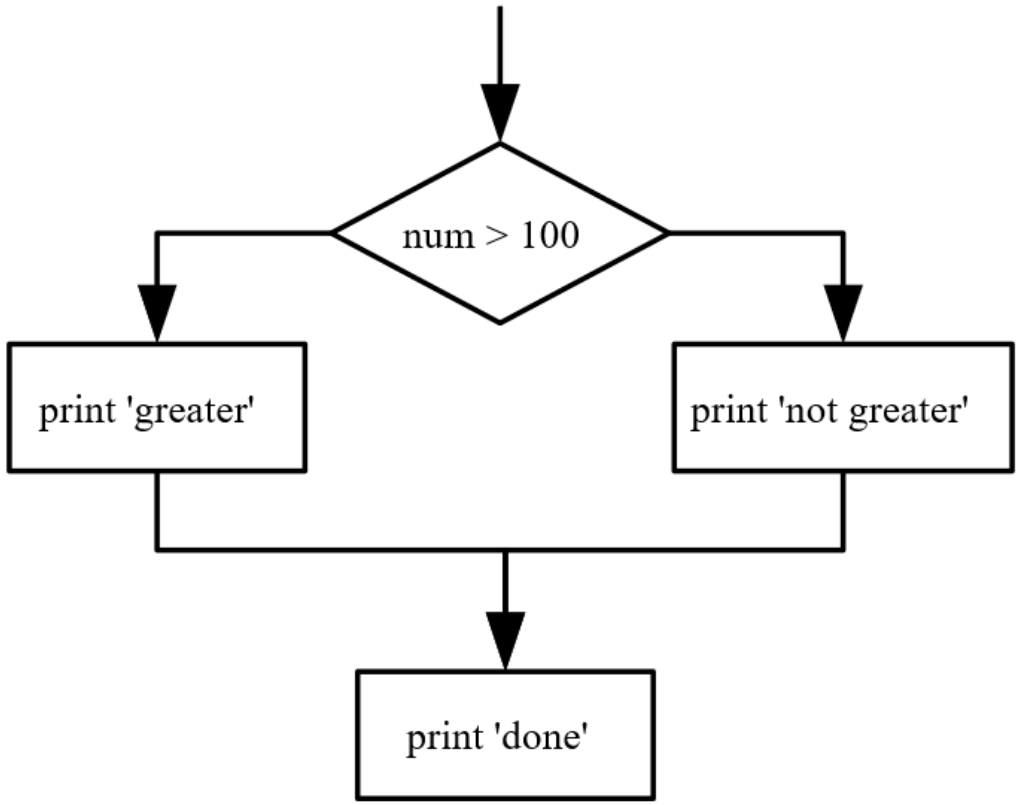

In the example above, the test `num > 100` returns the value FALSE, which is why the code inside the if block was skipped and the code inside the else statement was run instead.

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- **Exercise 3** : Write a function `sign()` that takes as argument a number and returns the value "negative", "null" or "positive"
- Hint : use `else, if, else if`

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- We can combine tests with **&** (both true) and | (one true or the other) :
- **Exercise 3bis** : Write a function `sign2()` that takes as argument two numbers and returns the value "both negative", "other", "both zero" or "both positive"

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- **Exercise 4** : Find the file containing the patient with the highest average inflammation score. Print the file name, the patient number (row number) and the value of the maximum average inflammation score.

```
# Exercice 4 (Hard!): Introduction to Programming
filenames <- list.files(path = "C:/../data", pattern = "inflammation-[0-9]{2}.csv", full.names = TRUE)

filename_max <- "" # filename where the maximum average inflammation patient is found
patient_max <- 0 # index (row number) for this patient in this file
average_inf_max <- 0 # value of the average inflammation score for this patient

for (f in filenames) {
  d <- read.csv(file = f, header = FALSE)
  d.means <- apply(d, 1, mean)
  for (patient_index in 1:length(d.means)){
    patient_average_inf <- d.means[patient_index]
    # Add your code here ...
  }
}
print(filename_max)
print(patient_max)
print(average_inf_max)
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- **Exercise 5** : Re-write the `analyze()` function with an option to save of not, using a second argument `output` that takes the default value NULL and using `if`
- Tips : Have a look to this function `!is.null()`

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6. X | Y is true if either X or Y, or both, are true.

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- **Exercise 1** : create a object `x <- "dataset"` and display its type, class, lenght and attribute. What do you obtain ? Same with `y <- 1:10`. Finally, try `z <- as.numeric(y)`

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You can also control how vectors are coerced explicitly using the `as.<classname>()` functions : try `as.numeric("1")`, `as.character(1:10)` ...

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- ... and use a loop to fill it. (reminder `for (i in ...){ code }`)
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Useful functions :

- head() - shows first 6 rows
- tail() - shows last 6 rows
- dim() - returns the dimensions of data frame (i.e. number of rows and number of columns)
- nrow() / ncol()- number of rows/columns
- str() - structure of data frame
- sapply(dataframe, class)

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Data frame are actually a 2-D version of lists : (see `is.list(dt)`)

- you can use bracket to "call" them. Ex : `dt[["y"]]`
- you can use $ to display one element. Ex : `dt$y`

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- ... and use a loop to fill it. (reminder `for (i in ...){ code }`)
- In x, each case should contain 0 except if id == e, in y each case should contain i.
- finally, the loop should generate a new element z that is the sulm of element x and y

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```
analyzeall <- function(pattern) {

filenames <- list.files(path = "C :/Users/.../data", pattern = XXX,
full.names = TRUE)

for (f in filenames) {

XXX }

}
```

back