

# Lecture 7. REDUCE and programming concepts

## Curriculum

We cover the following:

- How to think about constructing complex functions: Break everything down into steps, make sure every step works, and combine.
- **REDUCE** to do similar operations over and over. **REDUCE** can be thought of as Excel's variant of the **for** loop in imperative programming languages such as Python and R.
- The **MAP-FILTER-REDUCE** idiom and why it is useful.