

# R and Rstudio: Part II

## Data manipulation and Flow Control

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# Logical Operators

- ▶ R has several **operators** to perform tasks
- ▶ We have already seen two:
  - ▶ assignment operators (eg. = and <-)
  - ▶ arithmetic operators (eg. +, -, \*, /, ^, %%)
- ▶ Other types of operators include:
  - ▶ Relational operators
  - ▶ Logical operators

## Logical Operators (not R specific)

There are three logical operators that are used to compare values.

Operator	True if:	Examples	Output
AND	both are true	True and True False and True	True False
OR	either or both are true	True or True False or True False or False	True True False
NOT	false	not True not False	False True

## Logical Operators (R specific)

Operator	Description
<code>!</code>	Logical NOT
<code>&amp;</code>	Element-wise logical AND
<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	Logical AND
<code> </code>	Element-wise logical OR
<code>  </code>	Logical OR

The element-wise operators produce result having length of the longer operand while `&&` and `||` result in a single length logical vector and examines only the first element of the operands.

# Logical Operators

The element-wise operators produce result having length of the longer operand

```
x <- c(TRUE,FALSE,TRUE,FALSE)
```

```
y <- c(FALSE,TRUE,TRUE,FALSE)
```

```
!x
```

```
## [1] FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE
```

```
x&y
```

```
## [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

```
x|y
```

```
## [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE
```

# Logical Operators

```
x <- c(TRUE,FALSE,TRUE, FALSE)
```

```
z1 <- c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)    # recycles TRUE
```

```
z2 <- c(FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)   # recycles FALSE
```

```
x|z1
```

```
## Warning in x | z1: longer object length is not a multiple  
of shorter object length
```

```
## [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

```
x|z2
```

```
## Warning in x | z2: longer object length is not a multiple  
of shorter object length
```

```
## [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE
```

# Logical Operators

`&&` and `||` result in a single length logical vector and examines only the first element of the operands.

```
x <- c(TRUE,FALSE,FALSE,TRUE)
```

```
y <- c(FALSE,TRUE,FALSE,TRUE)
```

```
x&& y
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
x|| y
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

# Logical Operators

If you are doing comparisons of scalars (ie length one vectors), there is not effective difference between the two:

```
TRUE & FALSE
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
TRUE && FALSE
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
TRUE | FALSE
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
TRUE || FALSE
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```



# Logical Operators

TRUE/FALSEs are converted to 0/1 in numerical operations.

Therefore, to check how many elements return TRUE, we can simply take the sum on the logical vector.

```
x <- c(TRUE,FALSE,TRUE,TRUE)
sum(x) # counts the number of TRUEs
## [1] 3

sum(!x) # counts the number of FALSEs
## [1] 1
```

# Relational Operators

Operator	Description
<	Less than
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to
==	Equal to
!=	Not equal to

# Relational Operators

```
x <- 4
```

```
y <- 16
```

```
x < y
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
4*x >= y
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
y == 16
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
x != 4
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

# Conditional Selection

- ▶ We can use these operators in some advanced indexing.
- ▶ Last lecture we saw how to extract elements from a vector/matrix from using one or several indices (eg `x[1]`, `x[c(4,2)]`)
- ▶ In practice, you often need to extract data that satisfy a certain criteria.
- ▶ To do this in one step, we use conditional selection.

```
# sample twelve numbers from 1--10 with replacement
(y = sample(10, 12, replace=TRUE))

## [1] 10  2  1  2  1  6  8  9  9  6  7  7

y[y>7] # returns any numbers(s) larger than 7

## [1] 10  8  9  9

y[y>7 & y%%2==0] # returns any even number(s) larger than 7

## [1] 10  8
```

To get the index rather than the values, use `which()`

```
x = c("female", "male", "female", "male", "male", "female")
which(x=="female")

## [1] 1 3 6
```

# SQLish functions

- ▶ There are a number of functions in R that will mimic tasks performed using SQL commands on relational databases.
  - `subset` for filtering rows (like `WHERE`)
  - `subset with select` for filtering columns (like `SELECT`)
  - `transform` for updating columns (like `UPDATE`)
- ▶ **Aside:** There is another useful package called `dplyr` that can handle more complicated SQL-like statements (eg `GROUP BY` and `JOINS`).

# SQLish functions

- ▶ To highlight these functions, we will use the data set called `iris`.
- ▶ R has many useful built-in data sets for us to play with. To see them listed by name, type `data()`.
- ▶ Notice that the object will not appear in our Environment panel until we execute:

```
data("iris")
```

- ▶ To see a description of the data type: `?<nameofdataset>`

`head()` prints out the first 6 rows by default.

```
head(iris)
```

```
##      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1           5.1           3.5           1.4           0.2  setosa
## 2           4.9           3.0           1.4           0.2  setosa
## 3           4.7           3.2           1.3           0.2  setosa
## 4           4.6           3.1           1.5           0.2  setosa
## 5           5.0           3.6           1.4           0.2  setosa
## 6           5.4           3.9           1.7           0.4  setosa
```

As an optional second argument we can specify `n`, the number of rows we want to include:

```
head(iris, 2)
```

```
##      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1           5.1           3.5           1.4           0.2  setosa
## 2           4.9           3.0           1.4           0.2  setosa
```



To see the last n rows use `tail()`:

```
tail(iris) # default is to print the last 6 lines
```

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
## 145	6.7	3.3	5.7	2.5	virginica
## 146	6.7	3.0	5.2	2.3	virginica
## 147	6.3	2.5	5.0	1.9	virginica
## 148	6.5	3.0	5.2	2.0	virginica
## 149	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	virginica
## 150	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	virginica

```
tail(iris, 2) # specify a certain number of lines as a 2nd arg
```

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
## 149	6.2	3.4	5.4	2.3	virginica
## 150	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	virginica

# Subsetting

- ▶ The `subset()` function allows us to filter the rows of a data set based on some criteria applied to a column (or multiple criterion on multiple columns)
- ▶ This is similar to the `WHERE` statement in SQL.
- ▶ For example, lets select all rows in `iris` that have a `Petal.Length` greater than 5.

```
data(iris)

nrow(iris) # 150 observations

## [1] 150

longPetals = subset(iris, Petal.Length>5)

nrow(longPetals) # subset of 42 observations

## [1] 42
```

We could have done it without this function with a little work:

```
rows_to_include = iris$Petal.Length > 5

long_Petals = iris[rows_to_include,]

nrow(long_Petals) # same subset of 42 observations

## [1] 42
```

## An example that combines multiple conditions

```
data(iris)

nrow(iris) # 150 observations

## [1] 150

# all observations having a petal length greater than 5
# or belong to the setosa family.

newdat = subset(iris, Species=="setosa" | Petal.Length>5)

nrow(newdat)

## [1] 92
```

# SELECT

- ▶ We could also select specific columns using the `select` (optional) argument in the `subset` function.
- ▶ This is similar to the `SELECT` statement in SQL.
- ▶ For example, lets select all the rows in `iris` but only the columns pertaining to length measurements.

```
lengthDat = subset(iris, select = c(Sepal.Length, Petal.Length))  
print(paste(nrow(lengthDat), ncol(lengthDat)))  
## [1] "150 2"
```

# SELECT

```
head(lengthDat)
```

##	Sepal.Length	Petal.Length
## 1	5.1	1.4
## 2	4.9	1.4
## 3	4.7	1.3
## 4	4.6	1.5
## 5	5.0	1.4
## 6	5.4	1.7

# SELECT

To do this task without the subset function would require us to know which column the Sepal.Length and Petal.Length fall under. One way we could find that is using the `%in%` operator.

```
cols_to_include = colnames(iris) %in%  
  c("Sepal.Length", "Petal.Length")  
cols_to_include  
  
## [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE  
  
length_data = iris[,cols_to_include]  
print(paste(nrow(length_data), ncol(length_data)))  
  
## [1] "150 2"
```

# Object Equality

As a sidenote, if we want to check equality of two objects in R, we could use `all.equal`

```
all.equal(longPetals, long_Petals)

## [1] TRUE

all.equal(lengthDat, length_data)

## [1] TRUE
```



# Transforming

- ▶ The `transform()` function provides a quick and easy way to transform the data frames (just like SQL UPDATE function).
- ▶ For instance if we want to increase all the `Sepal.Lengths` by 0.1 we could type:

```
dim(iris)

## [1] 150   5

irisLonger = transform(iris, Sepal.Length = Sepal.Length + 0.1)
dim(irisLonger)

## [1] 150   5
```

```
head(iris,4)
```

```
##      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1           5.1           3.5           1.4           0.2  setosa
## 2           4.9           3.0           1.4           0.2  setosa
## 3           4.7           3.2           1.3           0.2  setosa
## 4           4.6           3.1           1.5           0.2  setosa
```

```
head(irisLonger, 5)
```

```
##      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1           5.2           3.5           1.4           0.2  setosa
## 2           5.0           3.0           1.4           0.2  setosa
## 3           4.8           3.2           1.3           0.2  setosa
## 4           4.7           3.1           1.5           0.2  setosa
## 5           5.1           3.6           1.4           0.2  setosa
```

# Transforming

- ▶ We could also use the `transform()` function to create new variables in our data frame (like the ALTER SQL command)
- ▶ For instance if we want to add a new column which holds the log values of the petal lengths we could type:

```
dim(iris)

## [1] 150   5

irisMore = transform(iris, logPL = log(Petal.Length))
dim(irisMore)

## [1] 150   6
```

# Transforming

```
head(irisMore)
```

##	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species	logPL
## 1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa	0.3364722
## 2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa	0.3364722
## 3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa	0.2623643
## 4	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa	0.4054651
## 5	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa	0.3364722
## 6	5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa	0.5306283

# Splitting

- ▶ Another handy function is `split`.
- ▶ `split()` generates a list of vectors according to a grouping

```
iSpecies = split(iris, iris$Species)
names(iSpecies)

## [1] "setosa"      "versicolor" "virginica"

# iSpecies$setosa is the same thing as
setosa = subset(iris, Species=="setosa")
all.equal(iSpecies$setosa, setosa)

## [1] TRUE
```

# Sorting and Order

- ▶ The `sort()` function is an operator that we saw in a very simple context:

```
x <- c(4,0,-7,9,8,3)
x
## [1] 4 0 -7 9 8 3

sortx <- sort(x)
sortx
## [1] -7 0 3 4 8 9
```

# Sorting and Order

- ▶ A related function is `order()` which order provides the indexing of `x` which provides the sorted vector `sortx`.

```
(o <- order(x))  
## [1] 3 2 6 1 5 4  
x[o]  
## [1] -7 0 3 4 8 9
```

- ▶ We can use `order` to rearrange the rows of data set to agree with a sorting of a particular column, for instance.

Example: rearrange the rows of iris so that the Petal.Length is sorted from smallest to largest:

```
o = order(iris$Petal.Length)
```

```
head(o)
```

```
## [1] 23 14 15 36 3 17
```

```
irisSorted = iris[o,]
```

```
head(irisSorted)
```

```
##      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 23           4.6         3.6         1.0         0.2   setosa
## 14           4.3         3.0         1.1         0.1   setosa
## 15           5.8         4.0         1.2         0.2   setosa
## 36           5.0         3.2         1.2         0.2   setosa
## 3            4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2   setosa
## 17           5.4         3.9         1.3         0.4   setosa
```



# Sorting and Order

- ▶ Note that `order()` can also take multiple sorting arguments
- ▶ For instance, we `order(gender, age)` in the example of the following slide will give a main division into men and women, and within each group, they will be ordered by age.

# Sorting and Order

```
gender = c("female","male","female","male","male","female")
age = c(36, 24, 25, 40, 22, 23)
df = data.frame(gender=gender, age=age)
o = order(df$gender, df$age)
df[o,]

##   gender age
## 6 female  23
## 3 female  25
## 1 female  36
## 5   male  22
## 2   male  24
## 4   male  40
```

# Missing Data

- ▶ In R, missing values are represented as NA (Not Available).
- ▶ NaN (Not a Number) is usually the product of some arithmetic operation and represents impossible values (e.g., dividing by zero).
- ▶ We can check for these using `is.na()`, `is.nan()`

```
y = -1:3 # fills elements 1--5
y[7] = 7 # element 6 is missing
y
## [1] -1  0  1  2  3 NA  7

is.na(y)
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE

(sy = sqrt(y)) # take the square roots
## Warning in sqrt(y): NaNs produced
## [1]      NaN 0.000000 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051      NA 2.645751

is.nan(sy)
## [1] TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

# Missing Values

- ▶ An easy way to remove rows from a data set having missing values is:

```
newdata <- na.omit(mydata)
```

- ▶ Some functions may have built in arguments to remove missing values from the calculation:

```
mean(y)
## [1] NA

mean(y, na.rm = TRUE)
## [1] 2
```

# Missing Values

- ▶ It may happen that we would like to replace values that meet a certain condition with NA

```
y = sample(c(0,1,2,3,4), 10, replace= TRUE)
# replace 0s with NAs
y[y==0] = NA
```

- ▶ On the flip side, we could easily replace NAs by some value

```
# replace NAs with 0s
y[is.na(y)] = 0
```

# Loops

- ▶ **Looping**, (AKA cycling or iterating) provides a way of replicating a set of statements multiple times until some condition is satisfied.
  - ▶ Each time a loop is executed is called an iteration.
- ▶ A **for loop** repeats statements a number of times. It will iterate based on the number of group/collection elements.
- ▶ A **while loop** repeats statements while a condition is TRUE

## while loops

The most basic looping structure is the **while** loop which continually executes a set of statements while a condition is true. Syntax:

```
while (condition){  
    statement 1  
    ...  
    statement n  
}
```

While (condition) is TRUE execute the set of statements  
statement 1, ...statement n



## while loops Example

```
n = 1
while (n<=3){
    print(n)
    n = n + 1
}
```

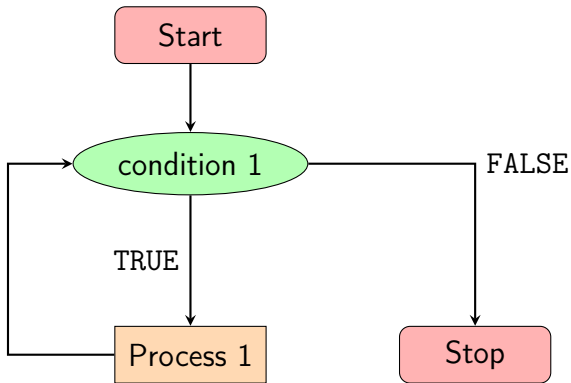
```
## [1] 1
```

```
## [1] 2
```

```
## [1] 3
```

*Recall that blocks are contained within curly braces and indentation is not necessary (though recommended for readability).*

## while loops



# repeat

An alternative way of coding this up would be to use repeat

```
n=1
repeat {
  print(n)
  n = n + 1
  if (n>5) break
}
```

```
## [1] 1
```

```
## [1] 2
```

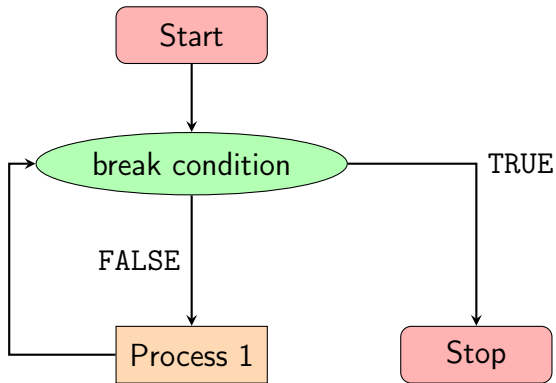
```
## [1] 3
```

```
## [1] 4
```

```
## [1] 5
```

- ▶ `break` is a reserved word (you are not allowed to use reserved words as variable names) in R that allows you to break out of a `for`, `while`, or `repeat`
- ▶ Notice that the condition we place for `breaking` this loop will be the opposite condition that we had for our `while` statement.
  - ▶ Remember: if the `while` condition is `TRUE`, we continue to the next iteration
  - ▶ Remember: if the `break` condition is `FALSE`, we continue to the next iteration

## repeat loops



# The for loop

- ▶ A for loop repeats statements a given number of times.

Syntax:

for loops

```
for (i in seq){  
  statement 1  
  
  ...  
  
  statement n  
}
```

# The for loop

This simple example prints the numbers 1–6. *Don't forget that the end number is inclusive in R!*

```
for (i in 1:6){  
  print(i)  
}
```

```
## [1] 1
```

```
## [1] 2
```

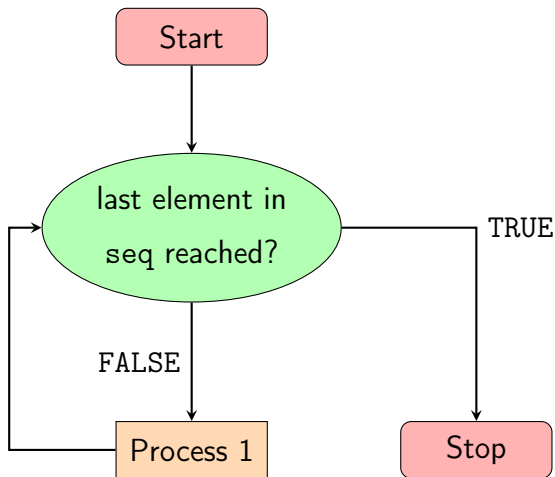
```
## [1] 3
```

```
## [1] 4
```

```
## [1] 5
```

```
## [1] 6
```

## for loops





# The for loop

- ▶ Notice that we **must** wrap the condition (in both for loop and while loops) in parenthesis (), otherwise, we get an error

```
for i in 1:6{  
    print(i)  
}  
  
## Error:  <text>:1:5:  unexpected symbol  
## 1:  for i  
##      ^
```

# The for loop

- ▶ In the example on slide 47 the seq was a sequence of numbers (the numbers 1 to 6 inclusive).
- ▶ More generally, seq can be a set of objects stored in a vector, list or data frame.

```
fruit = c("apples", "banana", "oranges")
for (i in fruit){
  print(i)
}

## [1] "apples"
## [1] "banana"
## [1] "oranges"
```

We may use `seq_along(along.with)` to create a sequence of number 1 to `length(along.with)`

```
x <- c("Hello", "World")
for (i in seq_along(x)){
  print(paste("i=",i,"x[i]=",x[i]))
}

## [1] "i= 1 x[i]= Hello"
## [1] "i= 2 x[i]= World"
```

Same as:

```
for (i in 1:length(x)){print(paste("i=",i,"x[i]=",x[i]))}

## [1] "i= 1 x[i]= Hello"
## [1] "i= 2 x[i]= World"
```

## for loops

It is worth pointing out that the sequence which we iterate over (eg. `1:6`, and `seq_along(x)`) need not start from 1, nor does it have to appearing in an increasing order. For example:

```
x <- c("apple", "ball", "cat", "dog")
for (i in c(3,1,4,2)){
  print(paste("i=", i, "x[i]=", x[i]))
}

## [1] "i= 3 x[i]= cat"
## [1] "i= 1 x[i]= apple"
## [1] "i= 4 x[i]= dog"
## [1] "i= 2 x[i]= ball"
```

## next

- ▶ Another reserve word is `next`
- ▶ Like `break`, `next` does not return a value, it merely transfers control within the loop.
- ▶ A `next` statement is useful when we want to skip the current iteration of a loop without terminating it.
- ▶ On encountering `next`, the R proceeds to next iteration of the loop (without executing any remaining statements the current iteration).

```
x <- c("apple", "ball", "cat", "dog", "elephant", "fish")
for (i in seq_along(x)){
  print(paste("iteration", i))
  if (i%%2==0)
    next
  print(x[i])} # wont be printed for even indices

## [1] "iteration 1"
## [1] "apple"
## [1] "iteration 2"
## [1] "iteration 3"
## [1] "cat"
## [1] "iteration 4"
## [1] "iteration 5"
## [1] "elephant"
## [1] "iteration 6"
```

## Common problems – Infinite Loops

**Infinite loops** are caused by an incorrect loop condition or not updating values within the loop so that the loop condition will eventually be false.

infinite loops

```
n = 1
while (n <= 5){
    print(n)
}
```

Here we forgot to increase  $n$ . Hence we get an infinite loop (i.e. the code will print 1,2,3, ...,  $\infty$ )

# Apply Functions

- Last lecture we saw we could perform vector operations

```
y <- 1:6  
# will add 2 to each element in y  
y + 2  
## [1] 3 4 5 6 7 8
```

- A similar concept for multi-dimensional vectors can be done using the `apply` family of functions in R.



# Apply Functions

`apply` returns a vector or array or list of values obtained by applying a function to margins of an array or matrix. There are a number of variants:

`lapply` list apply

`sapply` simple apply

`mapply` map apply

The best choice will depend on the data structure and desired output.

# Apply Functions

The general syntax is

```
apply(X, MARGIN, FUN, ...)
```

- ▶ X an array, including a matrix.
- ▶ MARGIN a vector giving the subscripts which the function will be applied over. (eg. for a matrix 1 indicates rows, 2 indicates columns, c(1, 2) indicates rows and columns.)
- ▶ FUN the function to be applied. In the case of functions like +, etc., the function name must be backquoted or quoted.

# Apply functions

The called function could be:

- ▶ An **aggregating function** which returns a single number (eg. mean, or the sum
- ▶ A **vectorized** functions, which may returns a list, vector, matrix or array.
- ▶ **transforming** or **subsetting** functions (see slide 18, 27)

## Apply functions

- ▶ The `apply()` function allows us to perform operations with very few lines of code.
- ▶ Apart from producing more concise code, using an `apply()` function in place of a loop can often save a lot of time (computational time that is, often they will take you longer to think about and code up)

# Apply

- ▶ Let's consider the case where  $X$  is a matrix.
- ▶ While there is already a built-in function to do this (`rowSums()`), let's compute the sum of each row of an  $n \times p$  matrix.
- ▶ Since there are  $n$  rows, the result should be an  $n$ -length vector.

# Apply Functions

```
m <- matrix(1:12, nrow=3, ncol=4)
m

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

mRowSums = apply(m, 1, sum) # index = 1 for rows
mRowSums

## [1] 22 26 30
```

# Apply Functions

To achieve the same result using a loop:

```
m <- matrix(1:12, nrow=3, ncol=4)
mRowSums = NULL
for (i in 1:nrow(m)){
  mRowSums[i] = sum(m[i,])
}
mRowSums
## [1] 22 26 30
```

# Apply Functions

Similarly we could have found the column sums:

```
m <- matrix(1:12, nrow=3, ncol=4)
```

```
m
```

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

```
## [1,]    1    4    7   10
```

```
## [2,]    2    5    8   11
```

```
## [3,]    3    6    9   12
```

*#notice how the margin changes to 2 below*

```
mColSums = apply(m, 2, sum) # index 2 for columns
```

```
mColSums
```

```
## [1]  6 15 24 33
```



# Practical Exercise

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```
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               select= c("Sepal.Length", "Sepal.Width"))  
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## Sepal.Length Sepal.Width  
##           5.006           3.428
```

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