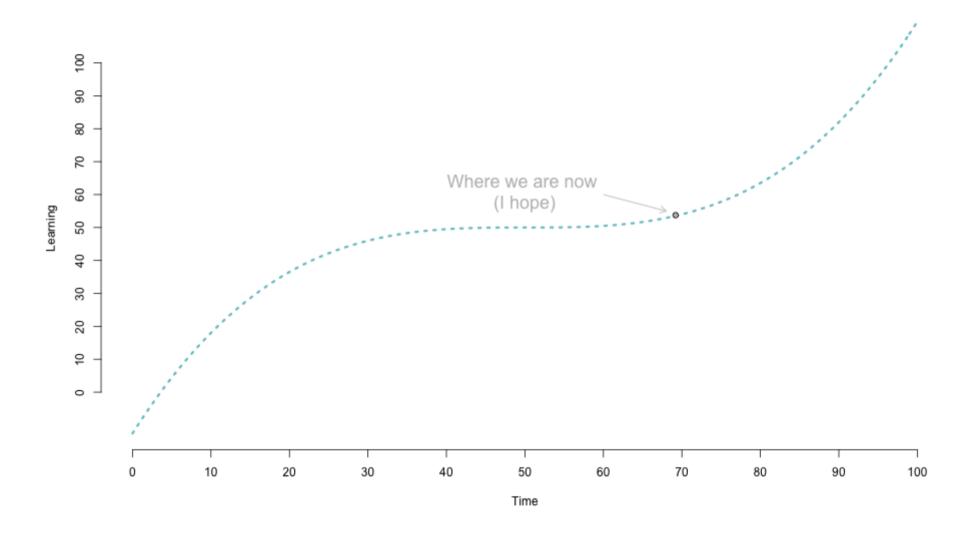
Beyond the course

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A reminder: The R learning curve

The R Learning Curve (as I see it)



Agenda

- · Introduction to functions
- Introduction to Lists
- · Introduction to the *purrr* package for working with lists
- · Artificial example
- Walk through a real script (at least some of it)

Before we get started...

- · There's SO MUCH we still haven't talked about
 - Haven't even discussed modeling!
 - Version control (git/github)
 - Functional programming (get a bit today)
 - Object oriented programming
- · We also briefly discussed a few important topics
 - Text manipulations/factors/dates
 - Data structures besides data frames

Todays's lecture is on the next really big topic I'd recommend you dive into, once you feel comfortable with most of what we've covered in this class: Functions and loops

functions

Writing functions: A basic example

```
pow <- function(x, power) {
    x^power
}</pre>
```

This function takes two arguments: x and power, with x being a generic numeric vector (could be a scalar), and power being the power to which the number or vector will be raised (could also be a vector).

While the function appears (and is) simple, it is actually quite flexible.

```
pow(x = 2, power = 3)
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
pow(c(3, 5, 7), 9)
```

```
## [1] 19683 1953125 40353607
```

$$pow(c(7, 1, -5, 8), c(2, 3))$$

Why is this so powerful?

- · This is what makes R a programming language, rather than a GUI
- · You can program R to do anything
 - Scrape data from the web (*rvest*, *twitteR*, *rtweet*, *tuber*)
 - Complex visualizations (ggplot, lattice, visreg)
 - Any analysis (*lme4*, *randomForest*, *gamm4*)

Calculate Cohen's d

· Suppose we wanted to write a function: What would be the arguments we'd need?

$$d = \frac{\bar{X}_{foc} - \bar{X}_{ref}}{\sqrt{\frac{(n_{foc} - 1)Var_{foc} + (n_{ref} - 1)Var_{ref}}{n_{foc} + n_{ref} - 2}}}$$

- · Start simple: Let's write a function to compute mean differences
- · Think about what format you'd expect the data to come in

· For simplicity, let's assume separate columns for the focal and reference group

```
mean_diff <- function(foc, ref) {
    mean(foc, na.rm = TRUE) - mean(ref, na.rm = TRUE)
}</pre>
```

Test it out

```
## group1 group2

## 1 10.079855 7.775533

## 2 9.848619 7.269473

## 3 10.865970 8.058229

## 4 10.663259 9.267586

## 5 10.181277 7.761954

## 6 9.030272 8.705604
```

mean_diff(test_df\$group1, test_df\$group2)

[1] 1.981619

mean_diff(rnorm(100, 10), rnorm(100, 12))

[1] **-2.129773**

mean_diff(rnorm(100, 9), rnorm(100, 90))

[1] -80.95977

Now let's build the denominator

$$\sqrt{\frac{(n_{foc}-1)Var_{foc}+(n_{ref}-1)Var_{ref}}{n_{foc}+n_{ref}-2}}$$

```
pooled_sd <- function(foc, ref) {
    n_foc <- length(na.omit(foc))
    n_ref <- length(na.omit(ref))

v_foc <- var(foc, na.rm = TRUE)
    v_ref <- var(ref, na.rm = TRUE)

sqrt( ((n_foc - 1)*v_foc + (n_ref - 1)*v_ref) / ( (n_foc + n_ref) - 2) )
}</pre>
```

Put them together

```
coh_d <- function(foc, ref) {
    mean_diff(foc, ref) / pooled_sd(foc, ref)
}
coh_d(test_df$group1, test_df$group2)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 2.054554
```

```
coh_d(rnorm(100, 10), rnorm(180, 12, 20))
```

```
## [1] -0.03242877
```

Testing out functions demo

When do you write a function?

- · General rule of thumb if you copy and paste more than three times, might want to write a function
- · Functions written for interactive purposes can depend on objects in your global environment

Quick contrived example

Calculate one standard deviation below the mean for each column

mtcars

##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
##	Datsun 710	22.8	4	108.0	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
##	Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258.0	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
##	Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360.0	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
##	Valiant	18.1	6	225.0	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1
##	Duster 360	14.3	8	360.0	245	3.21	3.570	15.84	0	0	3	4
##	Merc 240D	24.4	4	146.7	62	3.69	3.190	20.00	1	0	4	2
##	Merc 230	22.8	4	140.8	95	3.92	3.150	22.90	1	0	4	2
##	Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.30	1	0	4	4
##	Merc 280C	17.8	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.90	1	0	4	4
##	Merc 450SE	16.4	8	275.8	180	3.07	4.070	17.40	0	0	3	3
##	Merc 450SL	17.3	8	275.8	180	3.07	3.730	17.60	0	0	3	3
##	Merc 450SLC	15.2	8	275.8	180	3.07	3.780	18.00	0	0	3	3
##	Cadillac Fleetwood	10.4	8	472.0	205	2.93	5.250	17.98	0	0	3	4
##	Lincoln Continental	10.4	8	460.0	215	3.00	5.424	17.82	0	0	3	4

One method - avoid writing a function at all

```
library(tidyverse)
mtcars %>%
    gather(var, val) %>%
    group_by(var) %>%
    summarize(low = min(val) - sd(val))
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 x 2
##
                   low
       var
##
     <chr>
                <dbl>
        am -0.4989909
      carb -0.6152000
##
   3
      cyl
           2.2140784
      disp -52.8386938
##
   5
      drat
           2.2253213
##
           2.2621959
      gear
        hp -16.5628685
##
  7
##
  8
             4.3730519
       mpg
   9
           12.7130568
      qsec
## 10
           -0.5040161
      VS
## 11
           0.5345426
      wt
                                                                                17/66
```

Another method - copy and paste

```
summarize(mtcars, low = min(mpg) - sd(mpg))
##
  low
## 1 4.373052
summarize(mtcars, low = min(cyl) - sd(cyl))
##
  low
## 1 2.214078
summarize(mtcars, low = min(disp) - sd(disp))
## low
## 1 -52.83869
summarize(mtcars, low = min(hp) - sd(hp))
```

Write a function

```
low <- function(var) {
    min(mtcars[[var]]) - sd(mtcars[[var]])
}
low("mpg")</pre>
```

```
## [1] 4.373052
```

Loop the function through

```
for(i in seq_along(names(mtcars))) {
   print( low(names(mtcars)[i]) )
}
```

```
## [1] 4.373052

## [1] 2.214078

## [1] -52.83869

## [1] 2.225321

## [1] 0.5345426

## [1] 12.71306

## [1] -0.5040161

## [1] -0.4989909

## [1] 2.262196

## [1] -0.6152
```

When writing functions

- · You may run into some problems with tidyverse syntax (non-standard evaluation)
- · If you're writing functions for others to use, it is generally best to avoid external dependencies anyway, when you can
 - That said, if relying on an external dependency substantially speeds up your code, makes it more clear, etc., it is probably be worth it.
- · If you really want to jump into the programming side of things, probably best to learn some base R (I'd recommend Hadley's books: Advanced R and R Packages)

If you want to use tidyverse in programming...

You have to use *tidyeval* concepts. For example you would probably think the following would work, but it fails:

```
library(tidyverse)

grouped_means <- function(group) {
  mtcars %>%
    group_by(group) %>%
    summarize(mpg = mean(mpg))
}
grouped_means(cyl)
```

```
## Error in grouped_df_impl(data, unname(vars), drop): Column `group` is unknown
```

Maybe quote it?

```
grouped_means("cyl")
```

```
## Error in grouped_df_impl(data, unname(vars), drop): Column `group` is unknown
```

- · We're still getting errors because of *Non-standard evaluation*.
- · I'll briefly discuss this, but I would recommend avoiding it until you feel pretty comfortable with functions.

Problem

- · You can't pass a bare variable name to a function without quoting it (not "", but capturing it with quote).
- BUT, even this won't work because tidyverse functions already do the quoting for us in the background.

Process

- · Quote the input to capture the argument
- · Tell the tidyverse functions it has already been quoted so it doesn't try to quote it again.

Back to previous example

```
grouped_means <- function(group) {
  group_var <- enquo(group)

  mtcars %>%
    group_by(!!group_var) %>%
    summarize(mpg = mean(mpg))
}
grouped_means(cyl)
```

```
grouped_means(gear)
```

```
grouped_means(vs)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
## vs mpg
## 1 0 16.61667
## 2 1 24.55714
```

Want to learn more? Look here

Quick-ish

The formula for calculating the mean is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$$

- · Write a function that calculates the sample mean, \bar{x} , but removes missing data by default
- · Only restriction: You can't use the mean function in your function (and you also probably want to call it something other than mean)
- · Compare the results of your function with mean (). Do the results match?

· Write the function

```
xbar <- function(x) {
    x <- na.omit(x)
    sum(x) / length(x)
}</pre>
```

· Test it out: No missing data

 xbar(mtcars\$mpg); mean(mtcars\$mpg)
 xbar(mtcars\$drat); mean(mtcars\$drat)

 ## [1] 20.09062
 ## [1] 3.596563

 ## [1] 20.09062
 ## [1] 3.596563

· Test it out: missing data

```
v1 <- c(1:5, NA, NA, 7:10)
v2 <- c(NA, seq(32:80), NA, 12)
```

$$xbar(v2)$$
; $mean(v2, na.rm = TRUE)$

Another alternative

```
xbar <- function(x) {
   sum(x, na.rm = TRUE) / length(na.omit(x))
}</pre>
```

Writing packages

- It's not that hard!
- · Once you start writing more generic functions, and start to get fluent with them, you can write a package
 - This is the hard part much harder than writing packages
- · Write your own personal R package to start
- · Good resource for getting started: https://hilaryparker.com/2014/04/29/writing-an-r-package-from-scratch/

You can do it! I promise!

lists

Lists versus other data structures

- To date, we have mostly worked with data frames
 - type of list
- · Each column of a data frame is (almost always) an atomic vector of a specific type
 - double
 - integer
 - character
 - logical
- · All elements within an atomic vector must be of the same type (implicit coercion).
- · Lists are vectors (not atomic) where every element can be of a different type, including other lists.

Contrasting lists and atomic vectors

Lists

```
list("a", 4.35, TRUE, 7L)
```

```
## [[1]]
## [1] "a"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] 4.35
##
## [[3]]
## [1] TRUE
##
## [[4]]
## [1] 7
```

Vectors

(implicit coercion)

```
c("a", 4.35, TRUE, 7L)
```

```
## [1] "a" "4.35" "TRUE" "7"
```

```
c(4.35, TRUE, 7L)
```

Lists

Note that the length of list elements can all be different.

```
1 <- list(
    c("a", "b", "c"),
    1:5,
    rep(c(T,F), 7),
    rnorm(3, 100, 25)
    )</pre>
```

1

```
## [[1]]
## [1] "a" "b" "c"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
##
## [[3]]
## [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRI
## [12] FALSE TRUE FALSE
##
## [[4]]
## [1] 69.01684 63.50577 98.50681
```

Lists returned by functions

· Many functions return a list of objects. This is because lists are a great way to store a lot of varied information. For example: 1m.

```
mod <- lm(hp ~ mpg, data = mtcars)
str(mod)</pre>
```

```
## List of 12
## $ coefficients : Named num [1:2] 324.08 -8.83
   ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:2] "(Intercept)" "mpg"
##
   $ residuals : Named num [1:32] -28.7 -28.7 -29.8 -25.1 16 ...
   ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:32] "Mazda RX4" "Mazda RX4 Wag" "Datsun 710" "Hornet 4 Drive
   $ effects : Named num [1:32] -829.8 296.3 -23.6 -20 19.3 ...
    ... attr(*, "names") = chr [1:32] "(Intercept)" "mpg" "" "" ...
## $ rank
            : int 2
   $ fitted.values: Named num [1:32] 139 139 123 135 159 ...
    ..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:32] "Mazda RX4" "Mazda RX4 Wag" "Datsun 710" "Hornet 4 Drive
##
##
   $ assign
             : int [1:2] 0 1
## $ qr
         :List of 5
##
    ..$ qr : num [1:32, 1:2] -5.657 0.177 0.177 0.177 0.177 ...
    ... - attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
    ....$ : chr [1:32] "Mazda RX4" "Mazda RX4 Wag" "Datsun 710" "Hornet 4 Drive"...
```

You can access the elements through the list

mod\$coefficients

```
## (Intercept) mpg
## 324.082314 -8.829731
```

mod\$residuals

##	Mazda RX4	Mazda RX4 Wag	Datsun 710
##	-28.6579634	-28.6579634	-29.7644476
##	Hornet 4 Drive	Hornet Sportabout	Valiant
##	-25.1260710	16.0336553	-59.2641833
##	Duster 360	Merc 240D	Merc 230
##	47.1828390	-46.6368780	-27.7644476
##	Merc 280	Merc 280C	Merc 450SE
##	-31.5514792	-43.9131026	0.7252741
##	Merc 450SL	Merc 450SLC	Cadillac Fleetwood
##	8.6720320	-9.8704031	-27.2531119
##	Lincoln Continental	Chrysler Imperial	Fiat 128
##	-17.2531119	35.7147314	28.0009699
##	Honda Civic	Toyota Corolla	Toyota Corona
##	-3.6584921	40.2455664	-37.2430979
##	Dodge Challenger	AMC Javelin	Camaro Z28

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Other functions will transform data into lists

```
cyls <- split(mtcars, mtcars$cyl)
str(cyls)</pre>
```

```
## List of 3
   $ 4:'data.frame': 11 obs. of 11 variables:
##
     ..$ mpg : num [1:11] 22.8 24.4 22.8 32.4 30.4 33.9 21.5 27.3 26 30.4 ...
##
     ..$ cyl : num [1:11] 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
##
     ..$ disp: num [1:11] 108 146.7 140.8 78.7 75.7 ...
##
     ..$ hp : num [1:11] 93 62 95 66 52 65 97 66 91 113 ...
##
     ..$ drat: num [1:11] 3.85 3.69 3.92 4.08 4.93 4.22 3.7 4.08 4.43 3.77 ...
##
     ..$ wt : num [1:11] 2.32 3.19 3.15 2.2 1.61 ...
##
     ..$ gsec: num [1:11] 18.6 20 22.9 19.5 18.5 ...
     ..$ vs : num [1:11] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 ...
##
##
     ..$ am : num [1:11] 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 ...
##
     ..$ gear: num [1:11] 4 4 4 4 4 4 3 4 5 5 ...
##
     ..$ carb: num [1:11] 1 2 2 1 2 1 1 1 2 2 ...
##
    $ 6: 'data.frame': 7 obs. of 11 variables:
##
     ..$ mpg : num [1:7] 21 21 21.4 18.1 19.2 17.8 19.7
     ..$ cyl : num [1:7] 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
##
     ..$ disp: num [1:7] 160 160 258 225 168 ...
##
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##
     ..$ hp : num [1:7] 110 110 110 105 123 123 175
```

More on lists

- · Note that the previous slide looked like a nested list (list inside a list). This is because data frames are lists, where each element of the list is a vector of the same length.
- · lists are tremendously useful and flexible, and can lead to massive jumps in efficiency when combined with loops
 - Often want to loop through a list and apply a function to each element of the list.

Lists and data frames

```
1 <- list(
    lets = letters[1:5],
    ints = 9:5,
    dbl = rnorm(5, 12, 0.75)
    )
1</pre>
```

```
## $lets
## [1] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e"
##
## $ints
## [1] 9 8 7 6 5
##
## $dbl
## [1] 11.11093 11.67222 11.55736 11.03530 11.02976
```

```
as.data.frame(1)
```

```
## lets ints dbl
## 1 a 9 11.11093
## 2 b 8 11.67222
## 3 c 7 11.55736
## 4 d 6 11.03530
## 5 e 5 11.02976
```

Alternative

```
dframe <- data.frame(
   lets = letters[1:5],
   ints = 9:5,
   dbl = rnorm(5, 12, 0.75)
   )
dframe</pre>
```

```
## lets ints dbl
## 1 a 9 12.27340
## 2 b 8 12.02279
## 3 c 7 11.72385
## 4 d 6 12.88239
## 5 e 5 12.46470
```

```
as.list(dframe)
```

```
## $lets
## [1] a b c d e
## Levels: a b c d e
##
## $ints
## [1] 9 8 7 6 5
##
## $dbl
## [1] 12.27340 12.02279 11.72385 12.88239 12.49
```



Brief introduction to *purrr*

purrr

- · As everything with the tidyverse, base equivalents exist
- purrr (note three r's) is pipe (%>%) friendly
- · Has nice parallelization features.
- \cdot We'll focus today on map and friends, which is the primary function from the package.
- · Generally used with lists (for me at least), but can work with any type of vector.

Data

mtcars dataset split by cylinder

```
cyls <- split(mtcars, mtcars$cyl)
str(cyls)</pre>
```

```
## List of 3
## $ 4: 'data.frame': 11 obs. of 11 variables:
##
     ..$ mpg : num [1:11] 22.8 24.4 22.8 32.4 30.4 33.9 21.5 27.3 26 30.4 ...
##
     ..$ cyl : num [1:11] 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
##
     ..$ disp: num [1:11] 108 146.7 140.8 78.7 75.7 ...
##
     ..$ hp : num [1:11] 93 62 95 66 52 65 97 66 91 113 ...
##
     ..$ drat: num [1:11] 3.85 3.69 3.92 4.08 4.93 4.22 3.7 4.08 4.43 3.77 ...
##
     ..$ wt : num [1:11] 2.32 3.19 3.15 2.2 1.61 ...
##
     ..$ qsec: num [1:11] 18.6 20 22.9 19.5 18.5 ...
##
     ..$ vs : num [1:11] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 ...
     ..$ am : num [1:11] 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 ...
##
##
     ..$ gear: num [1:11] 4 4 4 4 4 4 3 4 5 5 ...
##
     ..$ carb: num [1:11] 1 2 2 1 2 1 1 1 2 2 ...
    $ 6: 'data.frame': 7 obs. of 11 variables:
##
##
     ..$ mpg : num [1:7] 21 21 21.4 18.1 19.2 17.8 19.7
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##
     ..$ cyl : num [1:7] 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
```

map basic usage

```
library(purrr)
map(cyls, ~lm(hp ~ mpg, data = .))
```

```
## $`4`
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = hp \sim mpg, data = .)
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept) mpg
## 147.43 -2.43
##
##
## $`6`
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = hp ~ mpg, data = .)
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept)
                   mpg
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##
      164.156 -2.121
```

Basic usage

```
map(LIST, FUN, ...)
```

- LIST = list to loop through
- FUN = Function to loop through the list
- · Other arguments passed to the function

Different ways to specify functions

The below are equivalent

```
map(cyls, function(x) lm(hp ~ mpg, data = x))
map(cyls, ~lm(hp ~ mpg, data = .))
```

If we want to extract something from each element of the list, and the that something is named, we can also just supply that name as a string.

```
models <- map(cyls, ~lm(hp ~ mpg, data = .))
map(models, "coefficients")</pre>
```

```
## $`4`
## (Intercept) mpg
## 147.431465 -2.430092
##
## $`6`
## (Intercept) mpg
## 164.156412 -2.120802
##
## $`8`
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```

Different versions of map

If we call a single function, just list it.

```
## $first
## [1] 2
##
## $second
## [1] 90
##
## $third
## [1] 1
```

map will alway return a list. Other variants will return other output.

```
map_df(lst, mean)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 3
## first second third
## <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 2 90 1
```

```
map_dbl(lst, mean)
```

```
## first second third
## 2 90 1
```

```
map_chr(lst, mean)
```

```
## first second third
## "2.000000" "90.000000" "1.000000"
```

Remember, a data frame is a list

· Loop through all the columns and apply a specific function

```
map dbl(mtcars, mean)
##
                     cyl
                               disp
                                            hp
                                                     drat
          mpg
                                                                   wt
##
    20.090625
                6.187500 230.721875 146.687500
                                                 3.596563
                                                            3.217250
##
         qsec
                      VS
                                          gear
                                                     carb
                                 am
    17.848750
                0.437500
                           0.406250
                                      3.687500
                                                 2.812500
```

Putting them together

```
library(tidyverse)
map(cyls, ~lm(hp ~ mpg, data = .)) %>%
    map_df(coef) %>%
    mutate(param = c("intercept", "slope")) %>%
    gather(cyl, val, -4) %>%
    spread(param, val)
```

Alternatively: broom

```
library(broom)
map(cyls, ~lm(hp ~ mpg, data = .)) %>%
    map_df(tidy, .id = "cyl")
```

```
## cyl term estimate std.error statistic p.value
## 1 4 (Intercept) 147.431465 35.606406 4.1405882 0.002519431
## 2 4 mpg -2.430092 1.318359 -1.8432709 0.098398581
## 3 6 (Intercept) 164.156412 146.508014 1.1204603 0.313430721
## 4 6 mpg -2.120802 7.403631 -0.2864543 0.786020206
## 5 8 (Intercept) 294.497384 84.337195 3.4919040 0.004447715
## 6 8 mpg -5.647887 5.512168 -1.0246218 0.325753780
```

More complex versions of map

- map2 iterates over two lists/vectors in parallel
- pmap iterates over p lists/vectors in parallel

Calculate differences in means

(spacing added just for clarity)

```
## [[1]]
## [1] -0.5997455
##
## [[2]]
## [1] -1.083101
##
## [[3]]
## [1] -0.2517111
```

Calculate effect sizes

```
## [1] -0.6125145 -1.0812928 -0.2446314
```

pmap

• We won't focus on pmap today, but it's worth noting that the syntax is slightly different. You supply one (possibly nested) list with all the arguments to the function, and then supply the function.

For example, setup a simulation with different sample sizes, means, and standard deviations. (In this particular example we could)

```
n <- list(50, 100, 250, 500)
mu <- list(10, 15, 10, 15)
stdev <- list(1, 1, 2, 2)

sim_data <- pmap(list(n, mu, stdev), rnorm)
str(sim_data)</pre>
```

```
## List of 4
## $ : num [1:50] 10.06 10.2 10.39 9.67 10.75 ...
## $ : num [1:100] 15.1 16.5 17.2 14.4 15.2 ...
## $ : num [1:250] 8.04 7.37 8.17 10.49 11.96 ...
## $ : num [1:500] 15.4 15.7 15 18.4 17.8 ...
```

Use map to check simulation

- *sim_data* is a list, so we can loop through it
- We saw on the previous slide that the sample sizes were correct. What about the means and standard deviations?

```
map_dbl(sim_data, mean)
```

```
## [1] 10.045945 15.062124 9.768937 14.980899
```

```
map_dbl(sim_data, sd)
```

```
## [1] 0.7623378 0.9640901 2.0434633 2.0012167
```

Another pmap example

(could do this while avoiding the loop altogether)

```
## [1] "1-a-control" "2-b-control" "3-c-control" "4-d-control"
## [5] "5-e-control" "6-f-control" "7-g-control" "8-h-control"
## [9] "9-i-control" "10-j-control" "1-k-treatment" "2-l-treatment"
## [13] "3-m-treatment" "4-n-treatment" "5-o-treatment" "6-p-treatment"
## [17] "7-q-treatment" "8-r-treatment" "9-s-treatment" "10-t-treatment"
```

Nesting data frames

Rather than splitting data frames (as we did before), it can often be helpful to nest() them instead. The reason you would want to nest a data frame is for similar reasons to wanting to split it.

For example,

```
nested <- mtcars %>%
    group_by(cyl) %>%
    nest()
nested
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
## cyl data
## <dbl> tist>
## 1 6 <tibble [7 x 10]>
## 2 4 <tibble [11 x 10]>
## 3 8 <tibble [14 x 10]>
```

List columns

In the previous example:

- · Data are split by cylinder, just as before
- · The list of data are then stored into a list column in a data frame
- Each "cell" in the list column contains all the data for that corresponding row in the data frame (cylinder).
- · In some ways this is a bit odd, but it can help us stay organized.

nested\$data

```
## [[1]]
## # A tibble: 7 x 10
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               am gear carb
##
                                         mpg disp
                                                                                                                  hp drat
                                                                                                                                                                                                wt gsec
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          VS
                              <dbl> <
##
                                   21.0 160.0
## 1
                                                                                                                   110
                                                                                                                                            3.90 2.620 16.46
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      1
## 2
                                   21.0 160.0
                                                                                                                                                 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                                                                                  110
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      1
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           4
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              4
## 3
                               21.4 258.0
                                                                                                                                                3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                                                                                 110
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             1
                                 18.1 225.0
                                                                                                                                                2.76 3.460 20.22
## 4
                                                                                                                105
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              1
## 5
                                  19.2 167.6
                                                                                                                                                3.92 3.440 18.30
                                                                                                                 123
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 1
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              4
                                 17.8 167.6
                                                                                                                                            3.92 3.440 18.90
## 6
                                                                                                                 123
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  1
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              4
## 7
                                19.7 145.0
                                                                                                                                            3.62 2.770 15.50
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     1
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              6
                                                                                                               175
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                0
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           5
##
## [[2]]
## # A tibble: 11 x 10
                                                                                                                             hp drat wt qsec
##
                                               mpg disp
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               VS
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     am gear carb
                                   <dbl> <
##
##
                                         22.8 108.0
                                                                                                                                                    3.85 2.320 18.61
                         1
                                                                                                                               93
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            1
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    1
                                         24.4 146.7
                                                                                                                                                      3.69 3.190 20.00
##
                       2
                                                                                                                               62
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    2
##
                                         22.8 140.8
                                                                                                                                                   3.92 3.150 22.90
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##
                                         32.4 78.7
                                                                                                                               66 4.08 2.200 19.47
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##
                       5
                                         30.4 75.7
                                                                                                                                52
                                                                                                                                                      4.93 1.615 18.52
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      1
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    2
```

Fit multiple models

See models for mpg and disp

```
nested$m2_mpg_disp
```

```
## [[1]]
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = hp \sim mpg + disp, data = .)
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept)
                                 disp
                      mpg
     201.1055 -1.2504 -0.2953
##
##
##
## [[2]]
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = hp \sim mpq + disp, data = .)
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept)
                                 disp
                      mpg
##
    140.68630 -2.29124 0.02894
                                                                              61/66
##
```

Summary of models for mpg and disp

map(nested\$m2_mpg_disp, summary)

```
## [[1]]
##
## Call:
\#\# lm(formula = hp ~ mpg + disp, data = .)
##
## Residuals:
##
       1 2 3 4
## -17.599 -17.599 11.841 -7.030 -4.605 -6.356 41.346
##
## Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept) 201.1055 144.6027 1.391 0.237
## mpg -1.2504 7.1714 -0.174 0.870
## disp
             -0.2953 0.2508 -1.177 0.304
##
## Residual standard error: 25.4 on 4 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.2694, Adjusted R-squared: -0.09595
## F-statistic: 0.7374 on 2 and 4 DF, p-value: 0.5338
                                                                           62/66
##
```

For the \$ averse

```
nested %>%
  transmute(smry = map(m2_mpg_disp, summary)) %>%
  flatten()
```

```
## [[1]]
##
## Call:
\#\# lm(formula = hp ~ mpg + disp, data = .)
##
## Residuals:
##
         2 3 4
## -17.599 -17.599 11.841 -7.030 -4.605 -6.356 41.346
##
## Coefficients:
##
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 201.1055 144.6027 1.391 0.237
      -1.2504 7.1714 -0.174 0.870
## mpg
             -0.2953 0.2508 -1.177 0.304
## disp
##
## Residual standard error: 25.4 on 4 degrees of freedom
                                                                          63/66
## Multiple R-squared: 0.2694, Adjusted R-squared: -0.09595
```

Compare Models

Extract all coefficients

```
coefs <- nested %>%
   select(3:4) %>%
   map(map_df, tidy) %>%
   map_df(bind_rows, .id = "model")
coefs
```

```
##
           model
                       term
                               estimate
                                          std.error statistic
## 1
          ml mpg (Intercept) 164.15641199 146.5080145 1.12046029
## 2
                        mpg -2.12080234 7.4036315 -0.28645434
          m1 mpg
## 3
          ml mpg (Intercept) 147.43146466 35.6064062 4.14058818
## 4
          m1 mpg
                        mpg -2.43009244 1.3183588 -1.84327091
## 5
          ml mpg (Intercept) 294.49738431 84.3371946 3.49190397
## 6
                        mpg -5.64788732
                                          5.5121677 -1.02462183
          m1 mpg
## 7
     m2 mpg disp (Intercept) 201.10545950 144.6026821 1.39074502
## 8
    m2 mpg disp mpg -1.25040042 7.1713987 -0.17435935
                disp -0.29530305 0.2508059 -1.17741686
## 9 m2 mpg disp
## 10 m2 mpg disp (Intercept) 140.68630194 99.6421350 1.41191577
## 11 m2 mpg disp mpg -2.29123552 2.3574552 -0.97191054
## 12 m2 mpg disp disp 0.02894082 0.3956489 0.07314773
## 13 m2 mpg disp (Intercept) 311.35824930 167.6596917 1.85708471
                                                                              65/66
## 14 m2 mpg disp
                        mpg
                            -6.06152869
                                          6.7348316 -0.90002676
```

Next steps

From here we could go on to plotting, etc., instead, let's look at a full, applied example that uses some of these topics.

Context

- Evaluating intervention response through "checkpoints"
- · Only concerning if students do not receive full credit at each checkpoint
- Evaluate patterns of checkpoint response to see if we can identify different types of nonresponders

Analysis

- Examine means at pre- and post-test on various measures of mathematics for student groups (according to their patterns of response)
- · Examine residual gains by groups