

# Today

- Questions from homework (brief)?
- Linear regression reflection
- Regression workflow algorithm
- Repetition structures:
  - counter control using **for**

# Linear regression reflection

- What was the goal of your analysis?
  - what question were you asking?
- How did the analysis answer the question?
  - what output (e.g. numerical, graphical) answered the question?

# Workflow algorithm

- Combine your efforts to make a workflow algorithm for linear regression
  - diagram it, e.g. flowchart
- What did you learn as a group?
  - things that not everyone had

# Workflow algorithms in DS

## NSF master data science algorithm

Plan for data

Acquire data

Manage data

Analyze data

Infer from data

Report about data

# R: `for` repetition structure

Most programming languages have a specialized structure for **counter-controlled repetition** (usually called "for")

```
for ( i in starti:endi ) {  
    expression  
}
```

# R: `for` repetition structure

## Example

```
for ( i in 1:10 ) {  
    j <- i * 2  
    print(j)  
}
```

What does this do?

# The 4 components of counter control using `while` or `for`

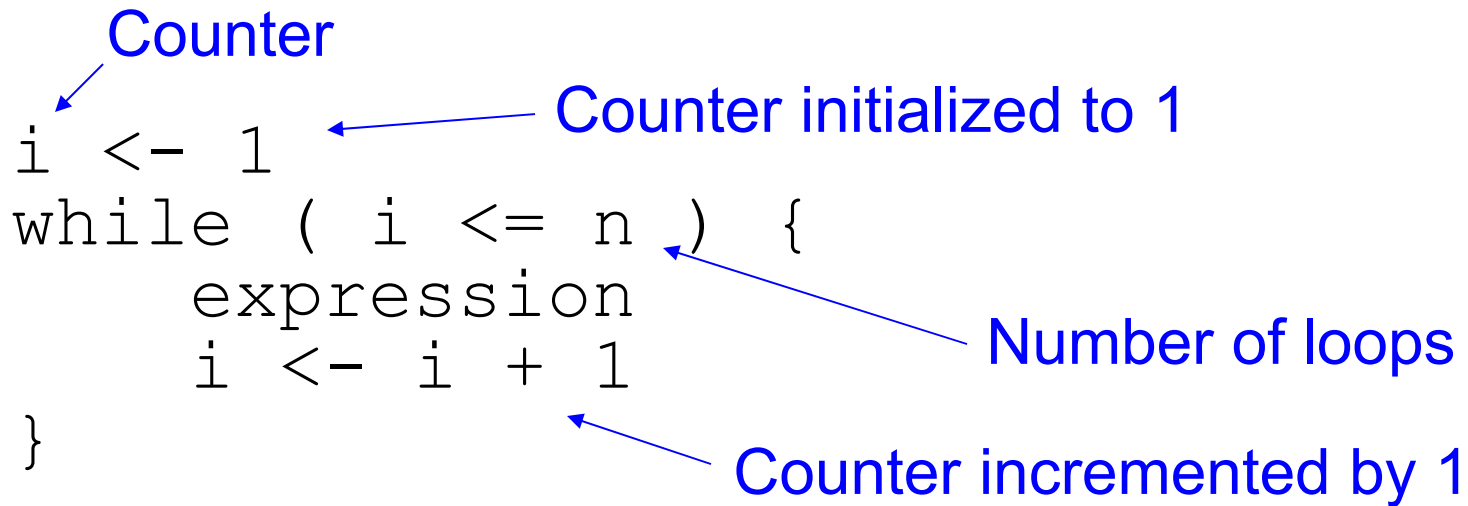
**Counter**

```
i <- 1
while ( i <= n ) {
  expression
  i <- i + 1
}
```

**Counter initialized to 1**

**Number of loops**

**Counter incremented by 1**



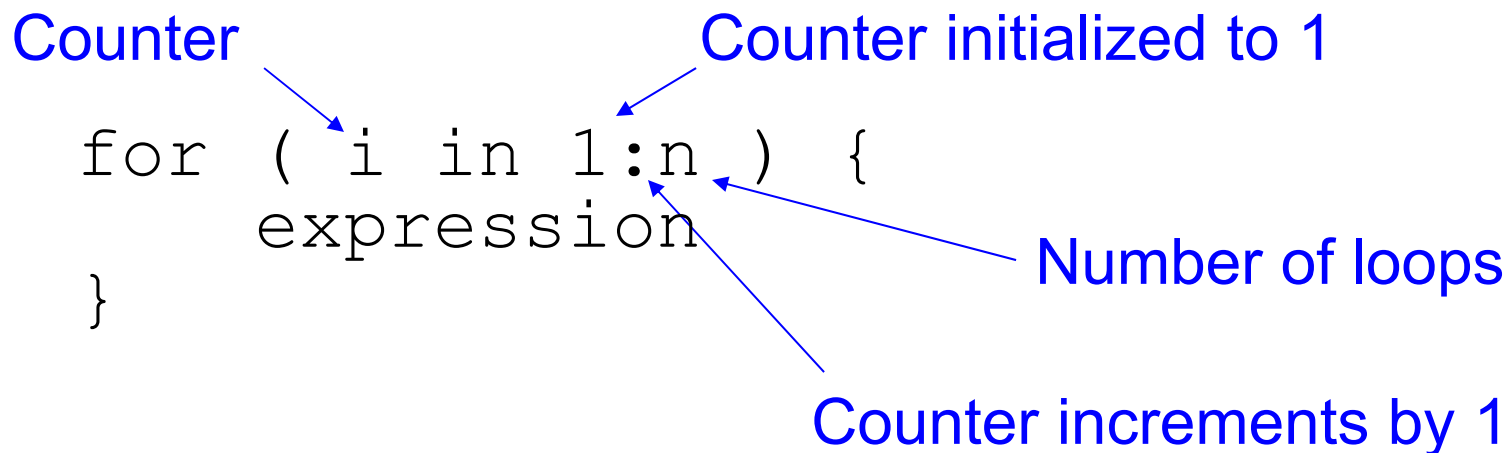
**Counter**

```
for ( i in 1:n ) {
  expression
}
```

**Counter initialized to 1**

**Number of loops**

**Counter increments by 1**



# R: `for` repetition structure

## Correct

```
for ( i in 1:n ) {  
    expression  
}
```

## Incorrect

```
i <- 1  
for ( i in 1:n ) {  
    expression  
    i <- i + 1  
}
```



```
# Finds the number (y) that is the zth power of x

# Initialize parameters
x <- 3.2      #Any real number
z <- 2        #Any integer >= 0

# Initialize working variables
y <- 1
counter <- 1

# Processing phase
while ( counter <= z ) {
    y <- y * x
    counter <- counter + 1
}

# Termination phase
y
```

This code uses a while structure to do counter controlled repetition. Modify it to use a for counter-control structure instead.

Does it work for integer  $z = 0$ ? Try it.

If not, fix it so integer  $z = 0$  will work correctly with a for structure.

Hints:

1) One possible solution would be to use a selection structure.

2) What do each of the following lines of code return?

1:10

1:3

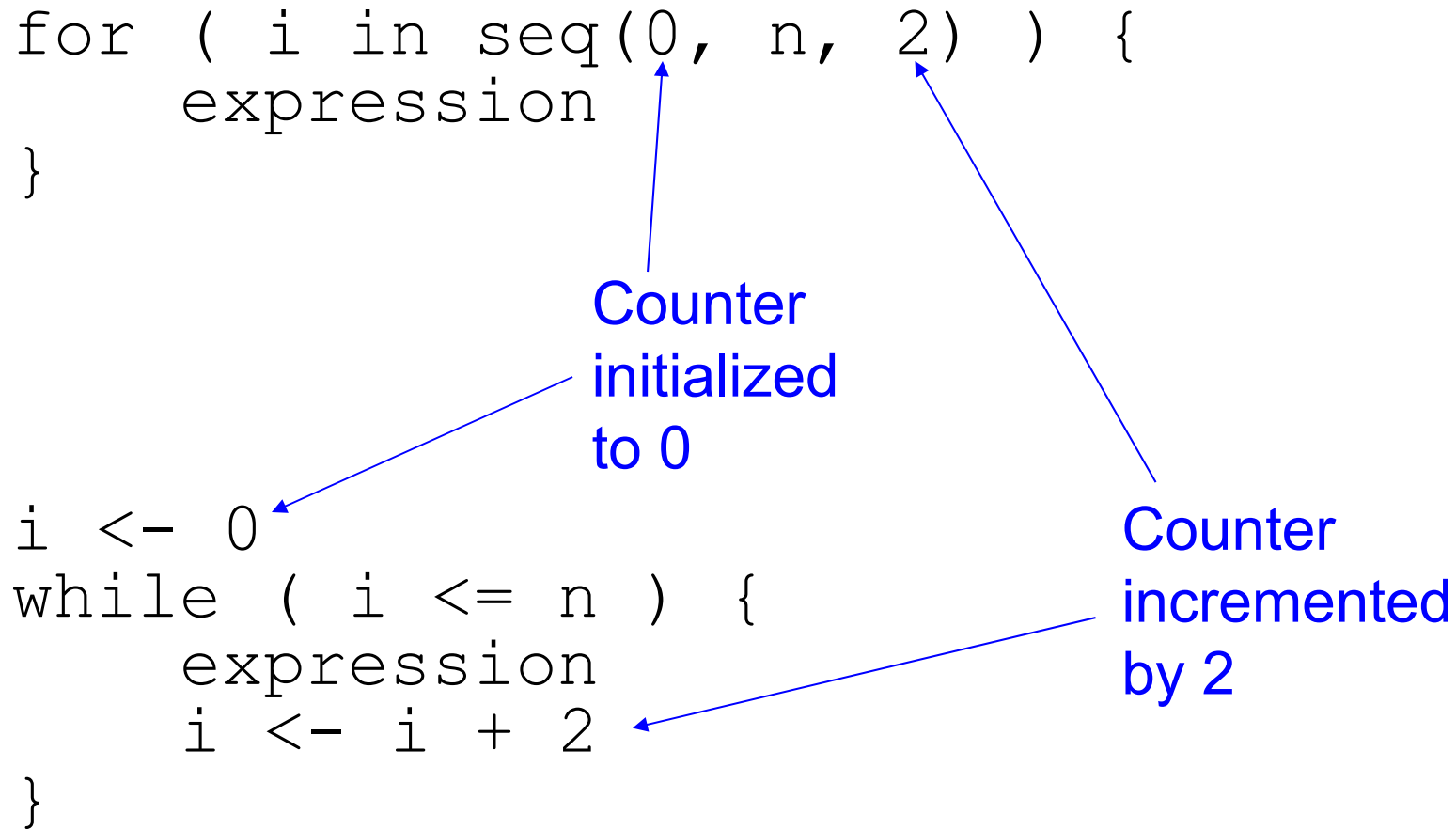
1:1

1:0

# Increment variation

```
for ( i in seq(0, n, 2) ) {  
  expression  
}
```

Counter  
initialized  
to 0

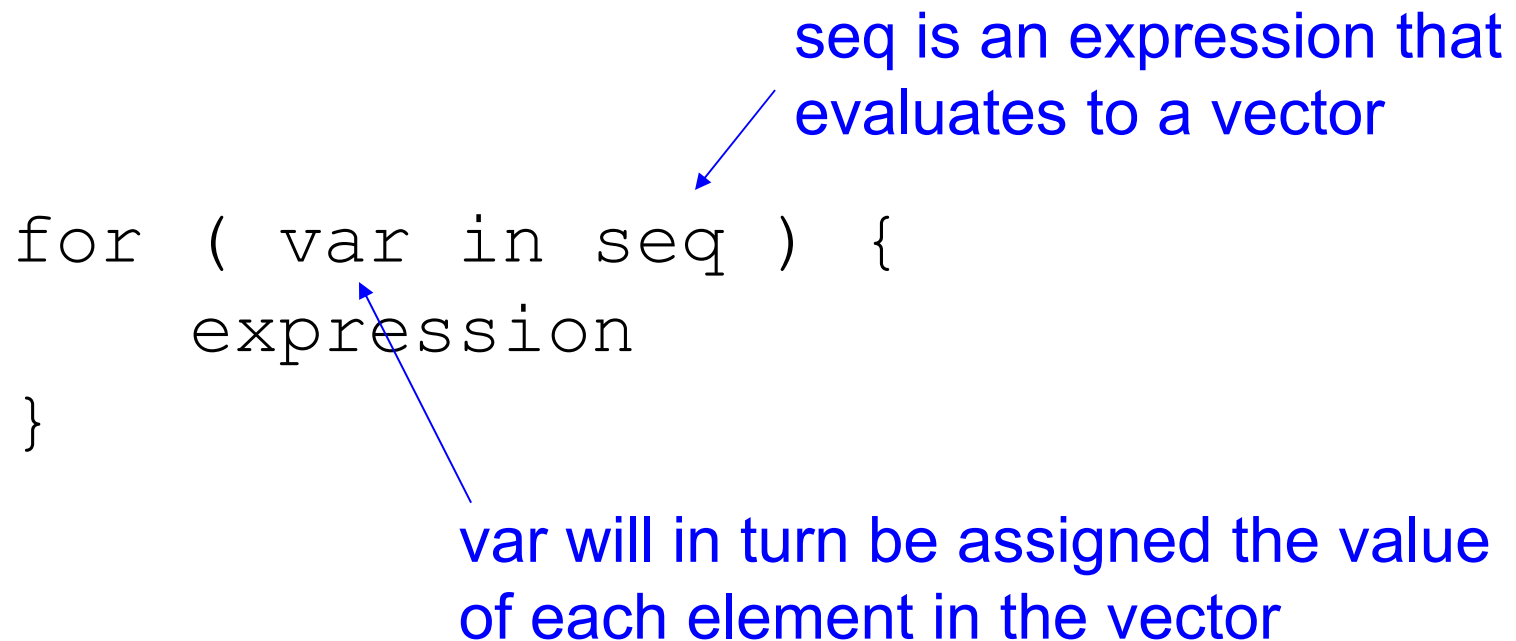


```
i <- 0  
while ( i <= n ) {  
  expression  
  i <- i + 2  
}
```

Counter  
incremented  
by 2

# R: `for` is vector controlled

R's `for` structure is actually **vector controlled repetition**, a special case of counter controlled repetition



The diagram illustrates the R `for` loop structure with two annotations. The first annotation, "seq is an expression that evaluates to a vector", has a blue arrow pointing to the `seq` variable in the loop header. The second annotation, "var will in turn be assigned the value of each element in the vector", has a blue arrow pointing to the `var` variable in the loop header.

```
for ( var in seq ) {  
    expression  
}
```

Any vector will do!

# R: `for` is vector controlled

## Example

```
a <- c(0.51, 0.57, 0.09, 1.02, 1.10)
for ( number in a ) {
  print(number * 2)
}
```

What does this do?

# Vector controlled repetition

Vector controlled repetition is a **special case** of counter controlled repetition

```
v #a vector
n <- length(v)
i <- 1
while ( i <= n ) {
    expression on v[i]
    i <- i + 1
}
```

# Vector controlled repetition

- Many languages have convenience structures for vector (or object) controlled repetition
- Often called **foreach** or similar
- General pseudocode:

for each item in container  
do something

# R: vector control with lists

## List

- a special type of vector
- a container for multiple objects

```
mylist <- list(obj1, obj2, obj3, ...)  
for ( object in mylist ) {  
    ... do something  
}
```

creates a list

it doesn't have  
to do something  
TO the object  
(but it can)



# R: vector control with lists

## Example

a, b, c, d  
are numerical  
vectors

```
datasets <- list(a,b,c,d)
for (x in datasets) {
  hist(x)
}
```

What does this do?