

Class 06

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In

Q1. Write a function `grade()` to determine an overall grade from a vector of student homework assignment scores dropping the lowest single score. If a student misses a homework (i.e. has an NA value) this can be used as a score to be potentially dropped. Your final function should be adequately explained with code comments and be able to work on an example class gradebook such as this one in CSV format: “<https://tinyurl.com/gradeinput>”

```
# Example input vectors to start with
student1 <- c(100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 90)
student2 <- c(100, NA, 90, 90, 90, 90, 97, 80)
student3 <- c(90, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA)
```

We can use the `mean` function to calculate the average for a given student vector.

```
mean(student1)
```

```
[1] 98.75
```

We can use the `na.rm=TRUE` argument to remove NA values before calculating the mean.

```
mean(student2, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
[1] 91
```

This code is from Chapt gpt but doesn't drop the lowest score.

```
student3[which(is.na(student3) & seq_along(student3) > 1)] <- 0
mean(student3, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 11.25
```

It is time to work with a new temporary object (that I will call `x`) so I don't crew up my original objects.

```
x <- student3
x[ is.na(x)] <- 0
mean(x)
```

```
[1] 11.25
```

Finally we want to drop the before calculating the mean. This is the equivalent to allowing the student to drop their worst assignment score.

```
y <- student1
y
```

```
[1] 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 90
```

```
mean(y[-which.min(y)])
```

```
[1] 100
```

Now I need to put this all together to make our working snippet:

```
# Map/Replace NA values to zero
x[ is.na(x)] <- 0

# Exclude the Lowest score
x[-which.min(x)]
```

```
[1] 90 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

```
# Calculate the mean
mean(x[-which.min(x)])
```

```
[1] 12.85714
```

Cool! This is my working snippet that I can turn into a function called `grade`

All functions in R have at least 3 things:

- **Name**, in our case “grade”
- Input **arguments**, `student1` etc.
- **Body**, this is our working snippet above.

```
grade <- function(x) {  
  # Map/Replace NA values to zero  
  x[ is.na(x)] <- 0  
  
  # Exclude the Lowest score  
  x[-which.min(x)]  
  
  # Calculate the mean  
  mean(x[-which.min(x)])  
}
```

Can I use this function now?

```
grade(student1)
```

```
[1] 100
```

Read a gradebook from online:

```
hw <- read.csv("https://tinyurl.com/gradeinput", row.name=1)  
hw
```

	hw1	hw2	hw3	hw4	hw5
student-1	100	73	100	88	79
student-2	85	64	78	89	78
student-3	83	69	77	100	77
student-4	88	NA	73	100	76
student-5	88	100	75	86	79
student-6	89	78	100	89	77
student-7	89	100	74	87	100
student-8	89	100	76	86	100
student-9	86	100	77	88	77
student-10	89	72	79	NA	76
student-11	82	66	78	84	100

```

student-12 100 70 75 92 100
student-13 89 100 76 100 80
student-14 85 100 77 89 76
student-15 85 65 76 89 NA
student-16 92 100 74 89 77
student-17 88 63 100 86 78
student-18 91 NA 100 87 100
student-19 91 68 75 86 79
student-20 91 68 76 88 76

```

We can use the `apply()` function to grade all the students in this class with our new `grade()` function.

The `apply()` functions

```

ans <- apply(hw, 1, grade)
ans

```

```

student-1 student-2 student-3 student-4 student-5 student-6 student-7
91.75      82.50      84.25      84.25      88.25      89.00      94.00
student-8 student-9 student-10 student-11 student-12 student-13 student-14
93.75      87.75      79.00      86.00      91.75      92.25      87.75
student-15 student-16 student-17 student-18 student-19 student-20
78.75      89.50      88.00      94.50      82.75      82.75

```

`Apply(data, margin=1(rows or 2 columns), function)`

Q2. Using your `grade()` function and the supplied gradebook, Who is the top scoring student overall in the gradebook? [3pts]

```

ans[which.max(ans)]

```

```

student-18
94.5

```

Q3. From your analysis of the gradebook, which homework was toughest on students (i.e. obtained the lowest scores overall)? [2pts]

```

ave.scores <- (apply(hw, 2, mean, na.rm=TRUE))
which.min(ave.scores)

```

```
hw3
3
```

```
tot.scores <- apply(hw, 2, sum, na.rm=TRUE)
which.min(tot.scores)
```

```
hw2
2
```

```
tot.scores
```

```
hw1 hw2 hw3 hw4 hw5
1780 1456 1616 1703 1585
```

```
ave.scores
```

```
hw1 hw2 hw3 hw4 hw5
89.00000 80.88889 80.80000 89.63158 83.42105
```

Q4. Optional Extension: From your analysis of the gradebook, which homework was most predictive of overall score (i.e. highest correlation with average grade score)? [1pt]

```
hw$hw1
```

```
[1] 100 85 83 88 88 89 89 89 86 89 82 100 89 85 85 92 88 91 91
[20] 91
```

If I try on hw2 I get NA as there are missing grades

```
cor(hw$hw1, ans)
```

```
[1] 0.4250204
```

```
cor(hw$hw2, ans)
```

```
[1] NA
```

I will mask all the NA values to zero:

```
mask <- hw  
mask[is.na(mask)] <- 0
```

```
cor(mask$hw5, ans)
```

```
[1] 0.6325982
```

```
apply(mask, 2, cor, y=ans)
```

hw1	hw2	hw3	hw4	hw5
0.4250204	0.1767780	0.3042561	0.3810884	0.6325982