EXPLORING DATA 2

PARENTHESES

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If you put parentheses around an entire code statement, it will both run the code and print out the answer.

```
study_months <- c("Jan", "Feb", "Mar")
study_months

## [1] "Jan" "Feb" "Mar"

(study_months <- c("Jan", "Feb", "Mar"))

## [1] "Jan" "Feb" "Mar"</pre>
```

Loops

Loops allow you to "walk through" and repeat the same code for different values of an index.

For each run of the loop, R is told that, for **some index** in **some vector**, do **some code**.

```
For i in 1:3, print(i):
```

```
for(i in c(1, 2, 3)){
          print(i)
}
```

```
## [1] 1
## [1] 2
## [1] 3
```

Note that this code is equivalent to:

```
i <- 1
print(i)
## [1] 1
i <- 2
print(i)
## [1] 2
i <- 3
print(i)
```

[1] 3

Often, the index will be set to a number for each cycle of the loop, and then the index will be used within the code to index vectors or dataframes:

```
## [1] "Jan"
## [1] "Mar"
```

Often, you want to set the index to sequential numbers (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4). In this case, you can save time by using the : notation to create a vector of a sequence of numbers:

```
for(i in 1:3){
          print(i)
}

## [1] 1
## [1] 2
## [1] 3
```

[1] "Mar"

With this notation, sometimes it may be helpful to use the length function to set the largest index value for the loop as the length of a vector (or nrow for indexing a dataframe). For example:

Sometimes, you want to set the index for each cycle of the loop to something that is not a number. You can set the index to any class of vector.

Remember that a loop works by saying for **some index** in **some vector**, do **some code**.

For example, you may want to run: for study_month in study_months, print(study_month):

```
## [1] "Jan"
## [1] "Feb"
## [1] "Mar"
```

Note that this is equivalent to:

```
study month <- "Jan"
print(study_month)
## [1] "Jan"
study_month <- "Feb"
print(study_month)
## [1] "Feb"
study month <- "Mar"
print(study month)
## [1] "Mar"
```

What would this loop do?

```
vars <- c("Time", "Shots", "Passes", "Tackles", "Saves")
for(i in 1:length(vars)){
     var_mean <- mean(worldcup[ , vars[i]])
     print(var_mean)
}</pre>
```

```
vars <- c("Time", "Shots", "Passes", "Tackles", "Saves")
for(i in 1:length(vars)){
         var_mean <- mean(worldcup[ , vars[i]])
         print(var_mean)
}

## [1] 208.8639
## [1] 2.304202
## [1] 84.52101
## [1] 4.191597
## [1] 0.6672269</pre>
```

What would this loop do?

```
vars <- c("Time", "Shots", "Passes", "Tackles", "Saves")
for(i in 1:length(vars)){
     var_mean <- mean(worldcup[ , vars[i]])
     var_mean <- round(var_mean, 1)
     out <- paste0("mean of ", vars[i], ": ", var_mean)
     print(out)
}</pre>
```

To figure out, you can set i <-1 and then walk through the loop:

```
i <- 1
(var mean <- mean(worldcup[ , vars[i]]))</pre>
## [1] 208.8639
(var mean <- round(var mean, 1))</pre>
## [1] 208.9
(out <- paste0("mean of ", vars[i], ": ", var mean))</pre>
```

[1] "mean of Time: 208.9"

```
vars <- c("Time", "Shots", "Passes", "Tackles", "Saves")</pre>
for(i in 1:length(vars)){
        var mean <- mean(worldcup[ , vars[i]])</pre>
        var mean <- round(var mean, 1)</pre>
        out <- paste0("mean of ", vars[i], ": ", var_mean)</pre>
        print(out)
## [1] "mean of Time: 208.9"
## [1] "mean of Shots: 2.3"
## [1] "mean of Passes: 84.5"
## [1] "mean of Tackles: 4.2"
## [1] "mean of Saves: 0.7"
```

Often, it's convenient to create a dataset to fill up as you loop through:

```
vars <- c("Time", "Shots", "Passes", "Tackles", "Saves")
my_df <- data.frame(variable = vars, mean = NA)
for(i in 1:nrow(my_df)){
         var_mean <- mean(worldcup[ , vars[i]])
         my_df[i , "mean"] <- round(var_mean, 1)
}</pre>
```

```
vars <- c("Time", "Shots", "Passes", "Tackles", "Saves")
(my_df <- data.frame(variable = vars, mean = NA))</pre>
```

```
## variable mean
## 1 Time NA
## 2 Shots NA
## 3 Passes NA
## 4 Tackles NA
## 5 Saves NA
```

```
i <- 1
(var_mean <- mean(worldcup[ , vars[i]]))</pre>
## [1] 208.8639
my_df[i , "mean"] <- round(var_mean, 1)</pre>
my_df
##
    variable mean
## 1 Time 208.9
                NA
## 2 Shots
## 3 Passes NA
## 4 Tackles NA
## 5
       Saves NA
```

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Saves 0.7

Note: This is a pretty simplistic example. There are some easier ways to have done this:

```
## var mean
## 1 Time 208.9
## 2 Passes 84.5
## 3 Tackles 4.2
## 4 Saves 0.7
```

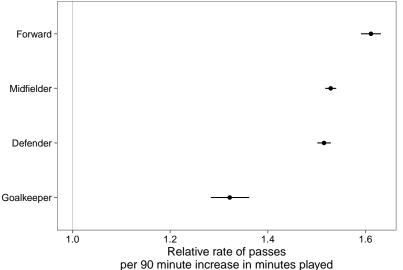
Note: This is a pretty simplistic example. There are some easier ways to have done this:

```
means <- apply(worldcup[ , vars], 2, mean)
(means <- round(means, 1))</pre>
```

```
## Time Shots Passes Tackles Saves
## 208.9 2.3 84.5 4.2 0.7
```

However, you can use this same looping process for much more complex tasks that you can't do as easily with apply or dplyr tools.

Loops can be very useful for more complex repeated tasks. For example:



Creating this graph requires:

- Create a subset limited to each of the four positions
- Fit a Poisson regression of Passes on Time within each subset
- Pull the regression coefficient and standard error from each model
- Use those values to calculate 95% confidence intervals
- Convert everything from log relative rate to relative rate
- Plot everything

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Forward NA NA

4 Goalkeeper NA NA

Create a vector with the names of all positions. Create an empty dataframe to store regression results.

```
(positions <- unique(worldcup$Position))

## [1] Midfielder Defender Forward Goalkeeper
## Levels: Defender Forward Goalkeeper Midfielder

(pos_est <- data.frame(position = positions, est = NA, se = NA))

## position est se
## 1 Midfielder NA NA
## 2 Defender NA NA</pre>
```

Loop through and fit a Poisson regression model for each subset of data. Save regression coefficients in the empty dataframe.

```
## position est se
## 1 Midfielder 0.004716096 4.185925e-05
## 2 Defender 0.004616260 5.192736e-05
```

Calculate 95% confidence intervals for log relative risk values.

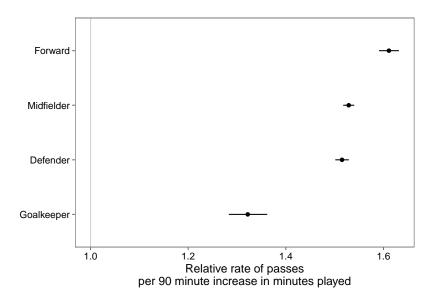
```
pos_est$lower_ci <- with(pos_est, est - 1.96 * se)
pos_est$upper_ci <- with(pos_est, est + 1.96 * se)
pos_est[1:2, c("position", "lower_ci", "upper_ci")]</pre>
```

```
## position lower_ci upper_ci
## 1 Midfielder 0.004634052 0.004798140
## 2 Defender 0.004514483 0.004718038
```

Calculate relative risk per 90 minute increase in minutes played.

Re-level the position factor so the plot will be ordered from highest to lowest estimates.

Create the plot.



You can write your own functions for tasks you do a lot. If you find yourself cutting and pasting a lot, convert the code to a function.

```
add_one <- function(number){
    out <- number + 1
    return(out)
}
add_one(number = 3)
## [1] 4
add_one(number = -1)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 0
```

You can name a function anything you want (although try to avoid names of pre-existing functions). You then include options (including any defaults) and the code to run:

Example: You want to take a log relative rate estimate determined per minute and convert it to a relative rate per 90 minutes.

```
rr_per90 <- function(log_rr){
    out <- exp(log_rr * 90)
        return(out)
}
rr_per90(pos_est$est[1])</pre>
```

[1] 1.321941

[1] "1.32 (1.28, 1.36)"

Example: You want to take a vector of values for a log relative rate estimate and its standard error and convert it to a pretty format of relative rate and confidence intervals per 90 minute increase in playing time:

```
pretty_rr90 <- function(vec){
    ests <- vec[1] + c(0, -1, 1) * 1.96 * vec[2]
    ests <- round(exp(90 * ests), 2)
    out <- paste0(ests[1], " (", ests[2], ", ", ests[3], ")"
    return(out)
}
pretty_rr90(c(0.0031, 0.00017))</pre>
```

You can test out functions by walking through them, just like you can with loops.

```
vec \leftarrow c(0.0031, 0.00017)
(ests \leftarrow vec[1] + c(0, -1, 1) * 1.96 * vec[2])
## [1] 0.0031000 0.0027668 0.0034332
(ests \leftarrow round(exp(90 * ests), 2))
## [1] 1.32 1.28 1.36
(out <- paste0(ests[1], " (", ests[2], ", ", ests[3], ")"))
## [1] "1.32 (1.28, 1.36)"
```

You can use apply to apply a function you've created to many rows at a time. For example, you have log relative risk estimates and standard errors for each position in pos_est:

```
pos_est[ , c("est", "se")]
```

```
## est se
## 1 0.003101124 1.686543e-04
## 2 0.004616260 5.192736e-05
## 3 0.004716096 4.185925e-05
## 4 0.005299009 7.146148e-05
```

the dataframe to get pretty estimates for each position:

You can apply pretty_rr90 to each row (MARGIN = 1) of this part of

```
apply(pos_est[ , c("est", "se")], MARGIN = 1, FUN = pretty_rr90)

## [1] "1.32 (1.28, 1.36)" "1.52 (1.5, 1.53)" "1.53 (1.52, 1.54

## [4] "1.61 (1.59, 1.63)"
```

You can use this to create a table to print:

```
## Position Effect.Estimate
## 1 Goalkeeper 1.32 (1.28, 1.36)
## 2 Defender 1.52 (1.5, 1.53)
## 3 Midfielder 1.53 (1.52, 1.54)
## 4 Forward 1.61 (1.59, 1.63)
```

And use knitr's kable() function to print it:

```
kable(out_tab, format = "markdown")
```

Position	Effect.Estimate			
Goalkeeper	1.32 (1.28, 1.36)			
Defender	1.52 (1.5, 1.53)			
Midfielder	1.53 (1.52, 1.54)			
Forward	1.61 (1.59, 1.63)			

APPLY FAMILY

Matrices and lists

First, you need to know about two more object types in ${\sf R}$:

- ullet matrix
- list

MATRIX

A matrix is like a dataframe, but all the values in all columns must be of the same class (e.g., numeric, character):

```
foo <- matrix(1:10, ncol = 5)
foo</pre>
```

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

MATRIX

The matrix will default to make all values the most general class of any of the values, in any column. For example, if we replaced one numeric value with the character "a", everything would turn into a character:

```
foo[1, 1] <- "a"
foo
```

```
## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
## [1,] "a" "3" "5" "7" "9"
## [2,] "2" "4" "6" "8" "10"
```

MATRIX

R uses matrices a lot for its underlying math (e.g., for the linear algebra operations required for fitting regression models). R can do matrix operations quite quickly.

A list has different elements, just like a dataframe has different columns. However, the different elements of a list can have different lengths (unlike the columns of a dataframe). The different elements can also have different classes.

```
## $a
## [1] "a" "b" "c"
##
## $b
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
##
## $c
## [1] TRUE FALSE
```

To index an element from a list, use double square brackets. You can use this either with numbers (which element in the list?) or with names or the \$ operator:

```
bar[[1]]
## [1] "a" "b" "c"
bar[["b"]]
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

bar\$c

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

Lists can be used to contain data with an unusual structure and / or lots of different components. For example, the information from fitting a regression is often stored as a list:

```
my_mod <- glm(rnorm(10) ~ c(1:10))
is.list(my_mod)</pre>
```

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

##

##

```
head(names(my_mod))

## [1] "coefficients" "residuals" "fitted.values" "effects"

## [5] "R" "rank"

my_mod[["coefficients"]]
```

(Intercept) c(1:10)

0.5776427 -0.0738632

APPLY FAMILY

There is also a whole family of apply functions, as part of R's based package. These include:

- apply: Apply a function over all the rows (MARGIN = 1) or columns (MARGIN = 2) of a matrix
- lapply: Apply a function over elements of a list.
- sapply: Like lapply, but returns a vector instead of a list.

APPLY

##

Convention for apply:

```
apply([matrix], MARGIN = [margin (1: rows, 2: columns)], FUN =
ex <- worldcup[ , c("Shots", "Passes", "Tackles", "Saves")]
head(ex)</pre>
```

Shote Daggor Tackles Saves

##		SHOUS	Passes	Tackres	Saves
##	Abdoun	0	6	0	0
##	Abe	0	101	14	0
##	Abidal	0	91	6	0
##	Abou Diaby	1	111	5	0
##	Aboubakar	2	16	0	0
##	Abreu	0	15	0	0

APPLY

##

##

Abdoun

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```
apply(ex, MARGIN = 2, mean)

## Shots Passes Tackles Saves
## 2.3042017 84.5210084 4.1915966 0.6672269

head(apply(ex, MARGIN = 1, sum))
```

97

Abidal Abou Diaby Aboubakar

117

18

Abe

115

LAPPLY

lapply() will apply a function across a list. The different elements of the list do not have to be the same length (unlike a dataframe, where the columns all have to have the same length).

```
(ex <- list(a = c(1:5), b = rnorm(3), c = c(5, 3, 3, 2)))
## $a
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5
##
## $b
## [1] -0.0383719 1.2108123 0.3087116
##
## $c
## [1] 5 3 3 2</pre>
```

LAPPLY

```
## $a
## [1] 3
##
## $b
## [1] 0.4937173
##
## $c
## [1] 3.25
```

lapply(ex, FUN = mean)

SAPPLY

sapply() also applies a function over a list, but it returns a vector rather
than a list:

```
sapply(ex, FUN = mean)
```

```
## a b c
## 3.000000 0.4937173 3.2500000
```

This can often be convenient in the context of a large data analysis.

APPLY FAMILY

In practice, I do use apply() some, but I can often find a way to do similar things to other apply family functions using the tools in dplyr. You should know that apply family functions take advantage of the matrix structure in R. This can be one of the fastest way to run code in R. It is definitely faster than doing the same things with loops. However, unless you are working with large datasets, you may not notice a difference. I would recommend using whichever method makes the most sense to you until you run into an analysis that takes a noticable amount of time to run, and then you might want to work a bit more to optimize your code.