

Lesson 4

R: Data Transformations Strings and Dates

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Splitting a Vector into Groups

Problem

 You have a vector. Each element belongs to a different group, and the groups are identified by a grouping factor.
 You want to split the elements into the groups.

- Suppose the vector is x and the factor is f. You can use the **split** function:
 - > groups <- split(x, f)
- You can also use the unstack function:
 - > groups <- unstack(data.frame(x,f))</pre>
- Both functions return a list of vectors, where each vector contains the elements for one group.

Splitting a Vector into Groups

```
> library(MASS)
    > g <- split(Cars93$MPG.city, Cars93$Origin)</p>
    > g
    $USA
     [1] 22 19 16 19 16 16 25 25 19 21 18 15 17 17 20 23 20 29 23 22 17 21 18 29
20
    [26] 31 23 22 22 24 15 21 18 17 18 23 19 24 23 18 19 23 31 23 19 19 19 28
    $`non-USA`
     [1] 25 18 20 19 22 46 30 24 42 24 29 22 26 20 17 18 18 29 28 26 18 17 20 19
29
    [26] 18 29 24 17 21 20 33 25 23 39 32 25 22 18 25 17 21 18 21 20
    > median(g[[1]])
    [1] 20
    > median(g[[2]])
    [1] 22
```

Applying a Function to Each List Element

Problem

 You have a list, and you want to apply a function to each element of the list.

- Use either the lapply function or the sapply function, depending upon the desired form of the result. lapply always returns the results in list, whereas sapply returns the results in a vector if that is possible:
 - > lst <- lapply(lst, fun)</pre>
 - > vec <- sapply(lst, fun)</pre>

Applying a Function to Each List Element

```
> scores <- list(S1, S2, S3, S4)
> lapply(scores, length)
[[1]]
[1] 36
[[2]]
[1] 39
[[3]]
[1] 38
[[4]]
[1] 36
```

Applying a Function to Each List Element

```
> sapply(scores, length)
[1] 36 39 38 36
> sapply(scores, mean)
[1] 88.77778 89.79487 89.23684 88.86111
> sapply(scores, sd)
[1] 7.720515 10.543592 7.178926 8.208542
> sapply(scores, range)
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] 68 60 75 63
[2,] 98 100 99 99
```

Applying a Function to Every Row

Problem

 You have a matrix. You want to apply a function to every row, calculating the function result for each row.

- Use the apply function. Set the second argument to 1 to indicate row-by-row application of a function:
 - > results <- apply(mat, 1, fun)</pre>
- The apply function will call fun once for each row, assemble the returned values into a vector, and then return that vector.

Applying a Function to Every Row

```
> mat <- matrix(sample(1:100, 20, replace=TRUE), 4,5)
> apply(mat, 1, mean)
[1] 35.4 64.8 39.4 75.4
> apply(mat, 1, range)
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] 5 38 15 37
[2,] 71 86 78 99
```

Applying a Function to Every Column

Problem

 You have a matrix or data frame, and you want to apply a function to every column.

- For a matrix, use the **apply** function. Set the second argument to 2, which indicates column-by-column application of the function:
 - > results <- apply(mat, 2, fun)
- For a data frame, use the lapply or sapply functions:
 - > Ist <- lapply(dfrm, fun)</pre>
 - > vec <- sapply(dfrm, fun)</pre>
- You can use apply on data frames, too, but only if the data frame is homogeneous.

Applying a Function to Every Column

- > head(Cars93)
- > sapply(Cars93, class)

```
##
          Manufacturer
                                      Model
                                                            Type
                                   "factor"
                                                        "factor"
##
              "factor"
             Min.Price
                                                      Max.Price
##
                                      Price
##
             "numeric"
                                  "numeric"
                                                       "numeric"
##
              MPG.city
                               MPG.highway
                                                        AirBags
                                                        "factor"
##
             "integer"
                                  "integer"
##
            DriveTrain
                                  Cylinders
                                                     EngineSize
              "factor"
                                   "factor"
                                                       "numeric"
##
##
            Horsepower
                                        RPM
                                                   Rev.per.mile
##
             "integer"
                                  "integer"
                                                       "integer"
      Man.trans.avail Fuel.tank.capacity
##
                                                     Passengers
              "factor"
                                  "numeric"
##
                                                       "integer"
##
                                  Wheelbase
                Length
                                                           Width
##
             "integer"
                                  "integer"
                                                       "integer"
           Turn.circle
##
                            Rear.seat.room
                                                   Luggage.room
                                  "numeric"
##
             "integer"
                                                       "integer"
##
                                                            Make
                Weight
                                     Origin
##
             "integer"
                                   "factor"
                                                        "factor"
```

Applying a Function to Groups of Data

Problem

– How to process the data by groups?

- Create a grouping factor that identifies the group of each corresponding datum. Then use the **tapply** function, which will apply a function to each group of data:
 - > tapply(x, f, fun)

Applying a Function to Groups of Data

```
> library(MASS)
> tapply(Cars93$MPG.city, Cars93$Origin, mean)
  USA non-USA
20.95833 23.86667
> tapply(Cars93$MPG.city, Cars93$Origin, length)
USA non-USA
48
      45
> tapply(Cars93$MPG.city, Cars93$Origin, sum)
USA non-USA
1006 1074
```

Applying a Function to Groups of Rows

Problem

 You want to apply a function to groups of rows within a data frame.

- Define a grouping factor for every row in your data frame. For each such group of rows, the **by** function puts the rows into a temporary data frame and calls your function with that argument. The **by** function collects the returned values into a list and returns the list:
 - > by(dfrm, fact, fun)

Applying a Function to Groups of Rows

```
> dfrm <- data.frame(f=c(rep("A",50), rep("B",30), rep("C", 20)),</pre>
       v=c(rnorm(50)-0.2,rnorm(30),rnorm(20)+0.2))
> by(dfrm, dfrm$f, summary)
dfrm$f: A
        V
A:50 Min. :-2.2870
B: 0 1st Qu. :-0.8492
C: 0 Median :-0.2448
       Mean :-0.2351
       3rd Qu.: 0.4240
       Max. : 1.4526
dfrm$f: B
A: 0 Min. :-1.6488
B:30 1st Qu. :-0.1468
```

Applying a Function to Parallel Vectors or Lists

Problem

You have a function, say f, that takes multiple arguments.
 You want to apply the function element-wise to vectors and obtain a vector result. Unfortunately, the function is not vectorized; that is, it works on scalars but not on vectors.

- Use the mapply function. It will apply the function f to your arguments element-wise:
 - > mapply(f, vec₁, vec₂, ..., vec_N)

Applying a Function to Parallel Vectors or Lists

```
> gcd <- function(a,b) {</pre>
        if (b == 0) return(a)
        else return(gcd(b, a %% b)) }
+
> \gcd(c(25,9,12), c(9,6,3))
[1] 1 NaN NaN
Warning messages:
1: In if (b == 0) return(a) else return(gcd(b, a%%b)):
 the condition has length > 1 and only the first element will be used
> mapply(gcd, c(25,9,12), c(9,6,3))
[1] 1 3 3
```