Workshop 6 Solution

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1. Loop practice

(a) Write a function called calculateRowMeans that uses a for loop to calculate the row means of a matrix x.

```
# calculateRowMeans computes the row means of a matrix x
# input: matrix x
# output: vector of length nrow(x) giving row means of x
calculateRowMeans <- function(x) {
  row.means <- numeric(nrow(x))
  for(i in 1:nrow(x)) {
    row.means[i] <- mean(x[i,])
  }
  row.means
}</pre>
```

(b) Try out your function on the random matrix fake.data defined below.

```
set.seed(12345) # Set seed of random number generator
fake.data <- matrix(rnorm(500), ncol=5)
calculateRowMeans(fake.data)</pre>
```

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##
    [1] 0.104711160 -0.212815850 0.080097701 -0.104435950 0.168726034
##
   [6] -0.276477625 -0.062646728
                            0.366882193 -0.433799415 -0.004952225
##
   [11] -0.448751356 -0.122943620 0.775054241
                                     1.140645559 -0.032540068
   [16] 0.058354128 -0.105059472 -0.752380885 0.460506777
                                                0.122805690
##
   ##
   [26] 0.364344827 -0.145794603 0.283380408 0.105536231
                                                0.062912786
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   [31]
       [36] -0.033380220 0.028618498 0.161430138 0.764679323
                                                0.449573986
##
  [41] 0.351826141 -0.783320802 -0.172279252 -0.016911857
                                                0.376613887
   [46] 0.626161998 -0.461096173 -0.063753735 -0.024108330 -0.133152285
##
  [56] 0.302400050 0.764454675 -0.021683984 0.191472161 -0.944533784
   [61] -0.257833724 -0.371427022 0.122738610 -0.095647016 -0.039965777
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  [71] 0.154699485 0.306528684 -0.440338582 0.433748573
                                                0.291561192
  [76] 0.258839366 0.777379894 -0.639731351
                                      0.099893526
                                                0.368316779
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  [81] -0.456305624 0.185681802 -0.268762250
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                                                0.306709808
   [86] 0.472252016 0.776952506 0.354263312 0.060452361
                                                0.177687987
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  [91] -0.242639463 -0.144272519 0.472164602 -0.414840660 -0.122722673
  [96] 0.431275348 -0.380115931 0.110312883 -0.391319986 -0.380656883
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(b) Use the apply() function to calculate the row means of the matrix fake.data

apply(fake.data, MARGIN=1, FUN=mean)

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## [11] -0.448751356 -0.122943620 0.775054241 1.140645559 -0.032540068

## [16] 0.058354128 -0.105059472 -0.752380885 0.460506777 0.122805690

## [21] 0.817373014 0.277099615 -0.003069567 0.078224338 -0.237097230
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[26] 0.364344827 -0.145794603 0.283380408 0.105536231 0.062912786
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   [31] 0.626789243 0.547661893 0.652108071 0.069632813 0.918556841
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(c) Compare this to the output of the rowMeans() function to check that your calculation is correct.

```
identical(calculateRowMeans(fake.data), apply(fake.data, MARGIN=1, FUN=mean))
```

[1] TRUE