R code for Data Science for Beginners

Day 3: Individual Exercise

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1. Vectors

Create an object called vec.a which is a vector consisting of the numbers, 1, 3, 5, 7. You need to use the c function.

```
vec.a=c(1,3,5,7)
```

Create a vector called vec.b consisting of the numbers, 2, 4, 6, 8.

```
vec.b=c(2,4,6,8)
```

Subtract vec.b from vec.a

```
vec.a-vec.b
```

Create a new vector called vec.c by multiplying vec.a by vector vec.b

```
vec.c=vec.a*vec.b
```

Create a new vector called vec.d by taking the square root of each member of vec.c

```
vec.d=sqrt(vec.c)
```

What is the third element of the vec.d vector? Find out using square bracket. Note that since this is a vector, you only need to provide a single number inside the brackets.

```
vec.d[3]
```

[1] 5.477226

Create a new vector called vec.e consisting of all the integers from 1 through 100. You should use the seq function, rather than writing down all the 100 integers individually.

```
vec.e=seq(1:100)
```

The mean function calculates the arithmetic mean of the numbers stored in an object. Using the mean function, calculate the mean of the vec.e vector.

```
mean(vec.e)
```

[1] 50.5

As we saw in the joint exercise, the sum function calculates the sum of all the elements in an object. Calculate the sum of the vec.e vector.

```
sum(vec.e)
```

[1] 5050

The length function returns the number of elements stored in an object. Using the length function, find the number of elements stored in the vec.e vector.

length(vec.e)

[1] 100

The mean of an object can be obtained by sum(X)/length(X) because the definition of the mean is the sum of elements divided by the number of elements. Now, using the sum and length functions, calculate the mean of the vec.e vector. Compare the answer with that obtained with the mean function

We have learned that the by argument specifies an increment. For example,

```
seq(from = 0, to = 10, by = 2)
```

```
[1] 0 2 4 6 8 10
```

This creates a sequence that starts from 0 and ends with 10, and with an increment of 2.

Now, create a new object called olympic which is a sequence that starts from 1896 and ends with 2012, with an increment of 4.

```
olympic=seq(from = 1896, to = 2012, by = 4)
```

How many elements does the olympic vector contain? That is, what is the length of this vector? Find out by applying a function (not by manually counting the number of elements).

```
length(olympic)
```

[1] 30

So there are 30 elements in the olympic vector. Display all the elements contained in the olympic vector. These are the years where olympic games were (supposed to be) held. Display the contents of the olympic vector.

olympic

```
[1] 1896 1900 1904 1908 1912 1916 1920 1924 1928 1932 1936 1940 1944 1948 1952 [16] 1956 1960 1964 1968 1972 1976 1980 1984 1988 1992 1996 2000 2004 2008 2012
```

Find out how many olympic games will have been held by the year 2400. Use the length and seq functions.

```
olympic2400=length(seq(from = 1896, to = 2400, by = 4))
olympic2400
```

[1] 127

print(olympic2400)

2. Matrices

Create a new vector called v1 consisting of the following numbers: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

```
v1=c(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11)
```

Find out the length of this vector (Don't count the numbers by hand; use an appropriate function).

```
length(v1)
```

[1] 6

We will convert this vector into a matrix. That is, we will rearrange this vector so that it will have two dimensions (rows and columns). Since this vector has 6 numbers, if we want the matrix to have two rows, how many columns will there be?

```
length(v1)/2
```

[1] 3

Create a matrix called mat.v using the following command:

```
# matrix(data = v1, nrow = 2)
```

```
mat.v=matrix(data = v1, nrow = 2)
mat.v
```

```
[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 5 9
[2,] 3 7 11
```

Take a look at the content of this matrix. How many columns are there?

Notice how the numbers in vec.v are used to fill up the cells of mat.v.We can see that R did it "by column". That is, R first filled up the first column of mat.v with the first two elements of vec.v, then moved on to the second and third columns.

You can use the byrow argument to change this. This argument takes one of two values, TRUE or FALSE (or T or F). That is, we write matrix(data = v1, nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE) Now, create an object called mat.w using the command above.

```
mat.w = matrix(data = v1, nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
mat.w
```

```
[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 3 5
[2,] 7 9 11
```

Compare mat.v and mat.w. Do you see that R filled up the cells "by row" to create the mat.w matrix ?

Many functions in R have arguments that take TRUE or FALSE like the byrow argument we just used. In most cases, functions have a default value. In the case of the matrix function, the default value for the byrow argument is FALSE, meaning that, if you don't specify anything, R will automatically sets byrow = FALSE.

Find the number in the second row, second column of mat.w

```
mat.w[2, 2]
```

[1] 9

Find the number in the second row, second column of $\mathtt{mat.v}$

```
mat.v[2, 2]
```

[1] 7

3. Lists

Create a list of months (as the names of the elements) with how many days each month has as the elements in the list

```
month_names = c("January", "February", "March", "April", "May", "June", "July", "August", "Sedays = list(31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31)
names(days) = month_names
```

Display the number of days August has from the list

```
days$August
```

[1] 31

Convert the list to a vector

```
vdays = unlist(days)
vdays
```

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31
September	October	November	December				
30	31	30	31				

4. Apply functions

Load R default data set mtcars

```
dt<-mtcars
dt
```

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	${\tt drat}$	wt	qsec	٧s	\mathtt{am}	gear	carb
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108.0	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258.0	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360.0	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
Valiant	18.1	6	225.0	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1
Duster 360	14.3	8	360.0	245	3.21	3.570	15.84	0	0	3	4
Merc 240D	24.4	4	146.7	62	3.69	3.190	20.00	1	0	4	2
Merc 230	22.8	4	140.8	95	3.92	3.150	22.90	1	0	4	2
Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.30	1	0	4	4
Merc 280C	17.8	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.90	1	0	4	4
Merc 450SE	16.4	8	275.8	180	3.07	4.070	17.40	0	0	3	3
Merc 450SL	17.3	8	275.8	180	3.07	3.730	17.60	0	0	3	3
Merc 450SLC	15.2	8	275.8	180	3.07	3.780	18.00	0	0	3	3
Cadillac Fleetwood	10.4	8	472.0	205	2.93	5.250	17.98	0	0	3	4
Lincoln Continental	10.4	8	460.0	215	3.00	5.424	17.82	0	0	3	4
Chrysler Imperial	14.7	8	440.0	230	3.23	5.345	17.42	0	0	3	4
Fiat 128	32.4	4	78.7	66	4.08	2.200	19.47	1	1	4	1
Honda Civic	30.4	4	75.7	52	4.93	1.615	18.52	1	1	4	2
Toyota Corolla	33.9	4	71.1	65	4.22	1.835	19.90	1	1	4	1
Toyota Corona	21.5	4	120.1	97	3.70	2.465	20.01	1	0	3	1

```
Dodge Challenger
                  15.5
                        8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87 0 0
                                                                2
AMC Javelin
                  15.2 8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435 17.30 0 0
                                                                2
                  13.3 8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41 0 0
                                                                4
Camaro Z28
                                                            3
Pontiac Firebird
                  19.2 8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05 0 0
                                                            3
                                                                2
                  27.3 4 79.0 66 4.08 1.935 18.90 1 1
Fiat X1-9
                                                                1
Porsche 914-2
                  26.0 4 120.3 91 4.43 2.140 16.70 0 1
                                                            5
                                                                2
Lotus Europa
                  30.4 4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90 1 1
                                                                2
                  15.8 8 351.0 264 4.22 3.170 14.50 0 1
Ford Pantera L
                                                            5
                                                                4
Ferrari Dino
                  19.7 6 145.0 175 3.62 2.770 15.50 0 1
                                                            5
                                                                6
Maserati Bora
                  15.0 8 301.0 335 3.54 3.570 14.60 0 1
                                                            5
                                                                8
                  21.4 4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60 1 1
Volvo 142E
                                                            4
                                                                2
```

Use one of the apply functions to calculate the min value for each column/variable

```
min_val = lapply(dt, min)
min_val
```

```
$mpg
[1] 10.4
$cyl
[1] 4
$disp
[1] 71.1
$hp
[1] 52
$drat
[1] 2.76
$wt
[1] 1.513
$qsec
[1] 14.5
$vs
```

[1] 0

```
$am
[1] 0
$gear
[1] 3
$carb
[1] 1
```

Use one of the apply functions to indicate zero values in each column/variable

```
sapply(dt, function(x) which(x==0))
$mpg
integer(0)
$cyl
integer(0)
$disp
integer(0)
$hp
integer(0)
$drat
integer(0)
$wt
integer(0)
$qsec
integer(0)
$vs
       1 2 5 7 12 13 14 15 16 17 22 23 24 25 27 29 30 31
 [1]
$am
  \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad 9 \ 10 \ 11 \ 12 \ 13 \ 14 \ 15 \ 16 \ 17 \ 21 \ 22 \ 23 \ 24 \ 25
```

```
$gear
integer(0)
$carb
```

integer(0)

Finally, execute the entire contents of this file, making sure there is no error messages.