Programming Homework 4

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Load Packages

Task 1: Conceptual Questions

```
on each element of the list. Write code to do this below!
(I'm really trying to ask you how you specify
method = kendall when calling lapply())",
"3. What are two advantages of using purrr functions
instead of the BaseR apply family?",
"4. What is a side-effect function?",
"5. Why can you name a variable sd in a function and
not cause any issues with the sd function?")

#print the questions/list
my_list1
```

[[1]]

[1] "1. What is the purpose of the lapply() function? \n

What is the equivale

[[2]]

[1] "2. Suppose we have a list called my_list.\nEach element of the list is a numeric data for

[[3]]

[1] "3. What are two advantages of using purrr functions\ninstead of the BaseR apply family?

[[4]]

[1] "4. What is a side-effect function?"

[[5]]

[1] "5. Why can you name a variable sd in a function and \not cause any issues with the sd:

Question 1

lapply() is used to apply functions across many rows/columns and the "l" ensures R always outputs a list.

Question 2

```
#create data frames
df1 <- data.frame(a = c(1:3), b = c(4:6))
df2 <- data.frame(x = c(7:9), y = c(10:12), z = c(13:15))
#create list</pre>
```

```
my_list <- list(df1, df2)

#write/show lapply function
lapply(my_list, cor, method = "kendall")</pre>
```

[[1]]
a b
a 1 1
b 1 1

[[2]]
x y z
x 1 1 1
y 1 1 1
z 1 1 1

Question 3

Two advantages of using purr functions instead of BaseR apply family are: 1. Greater consistency between functions. For example, you can predict the output type exclusively from the function name, which isn't always true for BaseR apply functions. 2. Purr also has some functions to fill in some gaps such as imap() where you can map simultaneously over x and its indices.

Question 4

A side-effect function does something beyond it's function return value. For example, write files to a disk. If we want the side effect of hist (which is the visual part) we can use the walk() function to only print the histogram.

Question 5

We can name a variable sd in a function and not cause any issues with the sd function because functions have their own temporary environment. So, once the function executes, all variables within that function are "gone" or in other words, not saved to the main environment.

Task 2: Writing R Functions

Question 1

Here I will create a function that calculates RMSE. There is an ellipses in the function to allow for additional arguments.

```
getRMSE <- function(response, predicted, ...){
  add <- list(...)
  remove <- isTRUE(add$na.rm)
  if (remove) {
    dropmissing <- !is.na(response) & !is.na(predicted)
    response <- response[dropmissing]
    predicted <- predicted[dropmissing]
}
sqrt(mean((response-predicted)^2))
}</pre>
```

Question 2

Let's run some code to create some response values and predictions.

```
set.seed(10)
n <- 100
x <- runif(n)
resp <- 3 + 10*x + rnorm(n)
pred <- predict(lm(resp ~ x), data.frame(x))

#now let's test our RMSE function using this data!
getRMSE(resp, pred)</pre>
```

[1] 0.9581677

```
#Add 2 missing vlaues to resp
resp[c(1,5)] <- NA_real_
#Test with and without specifying what R should do with the missing values
getRMSE(resp, pred)</pre>
```

[1] NA

```
getRMSE(resp, pred, na.rm = TRUE)
```

[1] 0.9646971

Question 3

Let's create a similar function, except it calculates the MAE instead of the RMSE.

```
getMAE <- function(response, predicted, ...){
  add <- list(...)
  remove <- isTRUE(add$na.rm)
  if (remove) {
    dropmissing <- !is.na(response) & !is.na(predicted)
    response <- response[dropmissing]
    predicted <- predicted[dropmissing]
  }
  mean(abs(response-predicted))
}</pre>
```

Question 4

Now let's create some data and test our MAE function using the data.

```
set.seed(10)
n <- 100
x <- runif(n)
resp <- 3 + 10*x + rnorm(n)
pred <- predict(lm(resp ~ x), data.frame(x))

#Let's test our MAE function
getMAE(resp, pred)</pre>
```

[1] 0.8155776

```
#Add 2 missing vlaues to resp
resp[c(1,5)] <- NA_real_
#Test with and without specifying what R should do with the missing values
getMAE(resp, pred)</pre>
```

```
getMAE(resp, pred, na.rm = TRUE)
```

[1] 0.8210863

Question 5

Now we want to create a wrapper function that can be used to get either both metrics or a single functioned called.

```
#Create the wrapper function
my_wrapper <- function(response, predicted, metrics = c("MAE", "RMSE"), ...) {</pre>
  if (!(is.vector(response) && is.atomic(response) && is.numeric(response))) {
    message("Error: 'response' must be a numeric atomic vecotr.")
    return(invisible(NULL))
  }
  if (!(is.vector(predicted) && is.atomic(predicted) && is.numeric(predicted))) {
    message("Error: 'predicted' must be a numeric atomic vecotr.")
    return(invisible(NULL))
  }
  #create empty list for results
  results <- list()
  #calculate metrics
  if ("MAE" %in% toupper(metrics)) {
    results$MAE <- getMAE(response, predicted, ...)</pre>
  if ("RMSE" %in% toupper(metrics)) {
    results$RMSE <- getRMSE(response, predicted, ...)</pre>
  }
  return(results)
```

Question 6

Now let's test our wrapper function in a similar way that we tested our previous functions.

```
#create data
set.seed(10)
n <- 100
x \leftarrow runif(n)
resp <- 3 + 10*x + rnorm(n)
pred <- predict(lm(resp ~ x), data.frame(x))</pre>
#call individually then together
my_wrapper(resp, pred, metrics = "MAE")
$MAE
[1] 0.8155776
my_wrapper(resp, pred, metrics = "RMSE")
$RMSE
[1] 0.9581677
my_wrapper(resp, pred, metrics = c("MAE", "RMSE"))
$MAE
[1] 0.8155776
$RMSE
[1] 0.9581677
#test again but with 2 NA values in resp
resp[c(1,5)] <- NA_real_</pre>
my_wrapper(resp, pred, metrics = "MAE")
$MAE
[1] NA
my_wrapper(resp, pred, metrics = "RMSE", na.rm = TRUE) #tested excluding NA
$RMSE
[1] 0.9646971
```

```
my_wrapper(resp, pred, metrics = c("MAE", "RMSE"))

$MAE
[1] NA

$RMSE
[1] NA

#Test by passing a data frame created in Task 1 Question 2.
my_wrapper(df1, df1, metrics = c("MAE", "RMSE"))

Error: 'response' must be a numeric atomic vecotr.

my_wrapper(resp, df1, metrics = c("MAE", "RMSE"), na.rm = TRUE)
```

Error: 'predicted' must be a numeric atomic vecotr.

Task 3: Querying an API and a Tidy-Style Function

Question 1

Question 2

Question 3