

# Quiz 3

Zeshi Feng

2025-10-07

## Question 1

- a. Use the `cat()` function in R to write two lines of lyrics from your favorite song into a text file named “lyrics.txt”

```
cat("Three, two, one, you are pinned\nUncle right back in the pen\nTell me how auntie be  
file = "lyrics.txt")
```

- b. Use `readLines()` to read the contents of “lyrics.txt” into R

```
lyrics <- readLines("lyrics.txt")  
lyrics
```

```
## [1] "Three, two, one, you are pinned" "Uncle right back in the pen"  
## [3] "Tell me how auntie been"
```

- c. Use an appropriate function to find all white spaces in each line

```
spaces <- gregexpr("\\s", lyrics)  
spaces
```

```
## [[1]]  
## [1] 7 12 17 21 25  
## attr(,"match.length")  
## [1] 1 1 1 1 1  
## attr(,"index.type")  
## [1] "chars"  
## attr(,"useBytes")  
## [1] TRUE  
##  
## [[2]]  
## [1] 6 12 17 20 24  
## attr(,"match.length")  
## [1] 1 1 1 1 1  
## attr(,"index.type")  
## [1] "chars"
```

```
## attr("useBytes")
## [1] TRUE
##
## [[3]]
## [1] 5 8 12 19
## attr("match.length")
## [1] 1 1 1 1
## attr("index.type")
## [1] "chars"
## attr("useBytes")
## [1] TRUE
```

d. Replace all white spaces with the character “|”

```
lyrics_pipe <- gsub("\\s", "|", lyrics)
lyrics_pipe
```

```
## [1] "Three,|two,|one,|you|are|pinned" "Uncle|right|back|in|the|pen"
## [3] "Tell|me|how|auntie|been"
```

e. Write both the original and modified lines (a total of four lines) back into the same text file

```
combined <- c(lyrics, lyrics_pipe)
writeLines(combined, "lyrics.txt")
```

## Question 2 (Using the apply family with user-written functions)

a. Explain what the following code does, and what out contains:

```
set.seed(1234) # Sets the random number seed, ensures reproducibility of results.
mu <- c(-2,-1,0,1,2) # Creates a numeric vector of 5 mean values
out <- lapply(mu, function(x) rnorm(100, mean=x)) # Generate 5 samples, each 100 N(x,1)
```

b. Get the 30% and 70% quantiles of each sample contained in out using only one line of code.

```
sapply(out, quantile, probs = c(0.3, 0.7))
```

```
##           [,1]           [,2]           [,3]           [,4]           [,5]
## 30% -2.738513 -1.3974148 -0.3046460 0.4832785 1.280877
## 70% -1.735988 -0.5083214 0.6387391 1.5317714 2.518705
```

## Question 3

Get the 30% and 70% quantiles of each column of the `airquality` data. Notice that there are NAs in `Ozone` and `Solar.R`:

```
summary(airquality)
```

```
##      Ozone      Solar.R      Wind      Temp
## Min.   : 1.00   Min.   : 7.0   Min.   : 1.700   Min.   :56.00
## 1st Qu.: 18.00   1st Qu.:115.8   1st Qu.: 7.400   1st Qu.:72.00
## Median : 31.50   Median :205.0   Median : 9.700   Median :79.00
## Mean   : 42.13   Mean   :185.9   Mean   : 9.958   Mean   :77.88
## 3rd Qu.: 63.25   3rd Qu.:258.8   3rd Qu.:11.500   3rd Qu.:85.00
## Max.   :168.00   Max.   :334.0   Max.   :20.700   Max.   :97.00
## NA's   :37      NA's   :7
##      Month      Day
## Min.   :5.000   Min.   : 1.0
## 1st Qu.:6.000   1st Qu.: 8.0
## Median :7.000   Median :16.0
## Mean   :6.993   Mean   :15.8
## 3rd Qu.:8.000   3rd Qu.:23.0
## Max.   :9.000   Max.   :31.0
##
```

```
sapply(airquality, quantile, probs = c(0.3, 0.7), na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
##      Ozone Solar.R Wind Temp Month Day
## 30%  20.0     137  8.0   74     6  10
## 70%  49.5     252 11.5   83     8  22
```