## Exercises I: Statistical Modeling in R

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## Formula Interface for Statistical Models: ~

- Allows symbolic specification of statistical model, e.g. linear models: lm(ACT ~ SATQ, sat.act)
- Everything to the left of ~ is the dependent variable.
- Independent variables are to the right of the  $\sim$ :

Formula	Interpretation
~ x or ~1+x	Intercept and main effect of x
$\sim$ x-1 or $\sim$ 0 + x	Only main effect of $x$ and no intercept (questionable)
~ x+y	Main effects of $x$ and $y$
~ x:y	Interaction between $x$ and $y$ (and no main effect)
~ x*y or ~ x+y+x:y	Main effects and interaction between ${\tt x}$ and ${\tt y}$

## Continuous Variables: How many Parameters in each Model?

```
lm(ACT ~ SATQ_c + SATV_c, sat.act) # a
lm(ACT ~ SATQ_c : SATV_c, sat.act) # b
lm(ACT ~ 0 + SATQ_c:SATV_c, sat.act) # c
lm(ACT ~ SATQ_c*SATV_c, sat.act) # d
lm(ACT ~ 0+SATQ_c*SATV_c, sat.act) # e
```

## Categorical Variables: How many Parameters in each Model?

```
lm(ACT ~ gender, sat.act)
                                            # a
lm(ACT ~ 0+gender, sat.act)
lm(ACT ~ gender+education, sat.act)
lm(ACT ~ 0+gender+education, sat.act)
                                           # d
lm(ACT ~ gender:education, sat.act)
                                           # e
lm(ACT ~ 0+gender:education, sat.act)
                                           # f
                                           # g
lm(ACT ~ gender*education, sat.act)
lm(ACT ~ 0+gender*education, sat.act)
                                           # h
lm(ACT ~ gender+gender:education, sat.act) # i
levels(sat.act$gender) ## 2
## [1] "male"
                "female"
levels(sat.act$education) ## 6
## [1] "0" "1" "2" "3" "4" "5"
```