Class 3 Review

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Multiple symbols are called "brackets". To minimize confusion we will use the following terms to describe each 1

Symbols	Names
()	"parenthesis", "round brackets", or "parens"
[]	"brackets" or "square brackets"
{}	"braces" or "curly brackets"
<>	"angle brackets" or "less than" & "greater than"

Other Symbols

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Symbols	Names
	"backslash"
/	"slash" or "forward slash"
	"pipe" or "vertical pipe"
!	"exclamation point" or "bang"

R Data Structures by Content Type and Number of Dimensions²

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Atomic Vector: one data type, one dimension Analogous to a...

- Single column in a data set
- Single time series with evenly spaced observations
- Mathematical vector in linear algebra
- Array data structure in computer science

The Combine Function: c()

- Purpose: Create vectors
- Input: one or more atomic vectors³
- Output: one atomic vector, with one type and one dimension

³Other data structures are permitted. See documentation ?c() → () →

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> foo <- c("T", "W")
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Atomic Vectors

Atomic Vectors, Example: Recent FRB Chairs

> surname <- c("Yellen", "Bernanke", "Greenspan")

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- > appointed <- c(2014, 2006, 1987)
- > has_beard <- c(FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)</pre>

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- > str(appointed)
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> str(surname)
> str(appointed)
> str(has_beard)
chr [1:3] "Yellen" "Bernanke" "Greenspan"
num [1:3] 2014 2006 1987
```

logi [1:3] FALSE TRUE FALSE

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- Single row in a data set
- Collection of features describing a single of entity
- Associative array structure in computer science

The List Function: list()

- Purpose: create lists
- Input: one or more objects (of any type)
- Output: one list object, with one or more types and one dimension

The List Function: list(), examples

Separate inputs with commas (required) and spaces (preferred)

> list("Yes", TRUE, 3.14, c(foo, bar)) # returns 4-elments

[1] 3.14

[[4]]

"W" "Th" "F"

```
Separate inputs with commas (required) and spaces (preferred)
> list("Yes", TRUE, 3.14, c(foo, bar)) # returns 4-elments
[[1]]
[1] "Yes"
[[2]]
[1] TRUE
[[3]]
```

> current_chair <- list("Yellen", 2014, FALSE)</pre>

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```
> current_chair <- list("Yellen", 2014, FALSE)
> prior_chair <- list("Bernanke", 2006, TRUE)
> earlier_chair <- list("Greenspan", 1987, FALSE)
Assign names to list elements
> listnames <- c("surname", "appointed", "has_beard")
> names(current_chair) <- listnames
> names(prior_chair) <- listnames
> names(earlier_chair) <- listnames</pre>
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List of 3
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\$ surname : chr "Yellen"

\$ appointed: num 2014

\$ has_beard: logi FALSE

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\$ appointed: num 2006

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\$ appointed: num 1987

\$ has_beard: logi FALSE

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 Discrete variable with few values, such as sex or employment status

- Purpose: create factor vectors
- Input: any atomic vector (required), a vector of possible values (optional), and a vector of corresponding labels (optional)⁵
- Output: an integer vector with embedded attributes to define the set of possible levels and their labels



⁵Refer to the documentation ?factor()

The Factor Function: factor(), examples

Raw data

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```
> rps_data <- c("Rock", "Paper", "Scissors", "Rock",</pre>
+
                 "Scissors", "Paper", "Paper",
                  "Scissors", "Rock", "Rock", "Paper")
+
Convert to a factor
> rps <- factor(rps_data,
                 levels = c("Rock", "Paper", "Scissors"))
+
View object structure – data stored as integer values
> str(rps)
 Factor w/ 3 levels "Rock", "Paper", ...: 1 2 3 1 3 2 2 3 1 1
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The Factor Function: factor(), examples

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> rps[3] <- "foo"

The result is NA

> rps[3]

[1] <NA>

Levels: Rock Paper Scissors

The Factor Function: factor(), examples

```
View all attributes of the factor
> attributes(rps)
$levels
[1] "Rock" "Paper" "Scissors"
$class
[1] "factor"
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Data Frames

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- A bundle of columns (atomic vectors) with the same length
- A data set
 - each row represents an observation
 - each column represents a variable
- Multiple draws from a population with associated measures

The Data Frame Function: data.frame()

- Purpose: Creates data frames
- Input: one or more atomic vectors or factors of equal length⁶
- Output: one data frame, with input vectors arranged as columns of data

⁶Shorter vectors will be recycled to meet this criteria → ← → ← ≥ → ← ≥ → → ○ ○

```
Recall the vectors created earlier:
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```
> surname
```

```
[1] "Yellen" "Bernanke" "Greenspan"
```

> appointed

```
[1] 2014 2006 1987
```

> has_beard

[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE

Construct a data frame using vectors

```
> frb_chair <- data.frame(surname,
+ appointed,
+ has_beard)</pre>
```

Construct a data frame using vectors

```
1 Yellen 2014 FALSE
2 Bernanke 2006 TRUE
3 Greenspan 1987 FALSE
```

Examine attributes: object type and dimensions

```
> class(frb_chair)
```

```
> nrow(frb_chair)
```

```
> ncol(frb_chair) # same as length(frb_chair)
```

```
> str(frb_chair)
```

\$ appointed: num 2014 2006 1987
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> ncol(frb_chair) # same as length(frb_chair)
> str(frb_chair)
[1] "data.frame"
[1] 3
[1] 3
'data.frame': 3 obs. of 3 variables:
```

\$ surname : Factor w/ 3 levels "Bernanke", "Greenspan",...

Use function option stringsAsFactors = FALSE to disable automatic conversion of character vectors to factors

Bernanke

Greenspan

The data frame function: data.frame(), examples

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2006 1987 TRUE.

FALSE

Examine attributes again

> str(frb_chair)

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Subsetting

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These operators enable **access** to the data stored in R data structures for:

- Retrieving data from an object
- Changing data in an object
- Deleting data from an object

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- Given x, an atomic vector with length(x) == n,
- And i, a vector of *positive* integers, with all(i <= n).
- Then, x[i] will return the elements in x indexed by i.
- In other words, "return the i-th element(s) from x"

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> print(dow)

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> dow[5] # retrieve the 5th element
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> print(dow)
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[5] # retrieve the 5th element
[1] "Th"
Easy. Let's do another.
```

Vectors

Subsetting Vectors: use [

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[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[c(2, 4, 6)]
```

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> print(dow)
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[c(2, 4, 6)]
[1] "M" "W" "F"
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> print(dow)
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[c(2, 4, 6)]
[1] "M" "W" "F"
No problem.
```

How ∫ works with -i

- Given x, an atomic vector with length(x) == n,
- And i, a vector of positive integers, with all(i <= n).
- Then, x[-i] will return all of the elements in x, excluding those indexed by abs(i).
- In other words, "return everything minus the i-th element(s) from x"

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[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[-5] # exclude the 5th element
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> print(dow)
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[-5] # exclude the 5th element
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "F" "Sa"
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> print(dow)
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[-5] # exclude the 5th element
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "F" "Sa"
Light work.
```

Subsetting Vectors: use [

```
> print(dow)
```

```
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
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- > print(dow)
- [1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
- > dow[-c(2, 4, 6)] # negate i to exclude

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> print(dow)
```

$$> dow[-c(2, 4, 6)]$$
 # negate i to exclude

```
Example 4: "x" is the days of the week, "i" is a negative integer vector
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> print(dow)

> dow[-c(2, 4, 6)] # negate i to exclude

Bored yet?

How [works with logical i

- Given x, an atomic vector with length(x) == n,
- And i, a vector of *logical* values, with length(i) == n.
- Then, x[i] will return all of the elements in x, corresponding to the TRUE values in i.
- In other words, "Take every element in x where i is T"

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> print(dow)
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)] # ke
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[1] "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F"
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> print(dow)
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> dow[c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)] # ke
[1] "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F"
Easy, but tedious.
```

How [works with an expression i that resolves to logical values.

- Given x, an atomic vector with length(x) == n,
- And i, an expression that returns a vector of logical values, with length(i) == n.
- Then, x[i] will return all of the elements in x, corresponding to the TRUE values in i.
- In other words, "Take every element in x where i is T"

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[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
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- > nchar(dow) == 1 # logical expression
- [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE

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Example 6: "x" is the days of the week, "i" is a logical expression
> print(dow)
[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> nchar(dow) == 1 # logical expression
```

TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE

> dow[nchar(dow) == 1] # keep 1-letter days

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> print(dow)

[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
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- [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
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Now we're getting somewhere. One more.

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[1] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
> grep('S', dow) # where can I find an S?
[1] 1 7
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[1] 1 7
> dow[grep('S', dow)] # keep S-letter days
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[1] 1 7
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[1] "S" "Sa"
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Wheel of Fortune

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[1] 1 7
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How Γ works when x is a named vector.

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- And j, a character vector, with all(j %in% names(x)).
- Then, x[j] will return all of the elements in x, where names(x) %in% j.
- In other words, "return the element(s) named j"

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> str(dow)
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Named chr [1:7] "S" "M" "T" "W" "Th" "F" "Sa"
- attr(*, "names") = chr [1:7] "Funday" "Motovation" "Trans
```

> c("Wayback", "Throwback")

```
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+
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+
                    "Wayback", "Throwback",
                    "Friday", "Social")
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Subsetting Lists: [[and \$

How [[works - retrieve one element only, by name or by position

- Given x, a list with length(x) == n,
- And j, a single character value where j %in% names(x),
- Or j, a single integer value where j <= n.
- Then, x[[j]] will return the single element in x, named or indexed by j.
- In other words, "return the element named j or the jth element"

```
> student <- list(universty = "Howard",
+ major = "Economics",
+ GPA = 3.2)</pre>
```

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- And j, a single character value where j %in% names(x).
- Then, x\$j will return the *single* element in x, named j.
- In other words, "return the element named j"

Subsetting Lists: [[and \$

> student\$GPA

student's GPA

Subsetting Lists: [[and \$

```
> student$GPA
```

student's GPA

[1] 3.2

R Data Structures

	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous
1d	Atomic vector	List
2d	Matrix	Data Frame
nd	Array	-

Subsetting Data Frames: [, [[and \$

All three subset operators work for data frames.

- \$ get a single column vector by name
- [[get a single column vector by name or by position
- [get a subset of rows and/or a subset of columns
 - retrieve rows by position or logical condition
 - select columns by name, position, or logical condition

Recall the existing data frame:

```
> str(frb_chair)
```

```
'data.frame': 3 obs. of 3 variables:
```

\$ surname : chr "Yellen" "Bernanke" "Greenspan"

\$ appointed: num 2014 2006 1987

\$ has_beard: logi FALSE TRUE FALSE

> print(frb_chair)

```
surname appointed has_beard
```

1 Yellen 2014 FALSE

2 Bernanke 2006 TRUE

3 Greenspan 1987 FALSE

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> frb_chair\$name

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> frb_chair[[3]]

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- > frb_chair[[3]]
- [1] FALSE TRUE FALSE

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> frb_chair[2, 1]

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 - surname has_beard
- 2 Bernanke TRUE
- 3 Greenspan FALSE

Retrieve the j-th columns in the data frame, j is a character vector with the names of the desired columns.

```
> frb_chair[, c("surname", "has_beard")]
```

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```
> frb_chair[, c("surname", "has_beard")]
    surname has_beard
1    Yellen    FALSE
2    Bernanke    TRUE
3    Greenspan    FALSE
```

Retrieve the i-th rows in the data frame, where i is a logical vector with TRUE values at corresponding positions for the desired rows.

```
> frb_chair[ frb_chair$appointed >= 2000, ]
```

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```
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    surname appointed has_beard
1 Yellen 2014 FALSE
2 Bernanke 2006 TRUE
```

Mix and match!

```
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- Purpose: subset data frames
- Input: a data frame, a logical expression for rows (optional), and a numeric or character vector identifying columns (optional)⁷
- Output: a data frame, with optional subsets

Equivalent to the [operator. Subset a data frame based on a logical vector, i, for desired the rows and a character vector, j, for the desired variable names.

> subset(frb_chair, subset = i, select = j)



⁷See documentation ?subset

Subsetting Data Frames: subset()

```
> subset(frb_chair,
+ frb_chair$has_beard == TRUE | frb_chair$appointed
```

```
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    surname appointed has_beard
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```
> i <- frb_chair$has_beard == TRUE | frb_chair$appointed <
> j <- names(frb_chair)
> subset(frb_chair, i, j)
```

3 Greenspan 1987 FALSE

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+    print(s)
+ }
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Iterate over vector indices

```
> for ( i in 1:length(surname) ) {
+    print(surname[i])
+ }
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Nested Loops

Recall the frb_chair data frame:

> frb_chair

	surname	appointed	has_beard
1	Yellen	2014	FALSE
2	Bernanke	2006	TRUE
3	Greenspan	1987	FALSE

Nested Loops

```
> for ( i in 1:nrow(frb_chair) ) {
+    for ( j in 1:ncol(frb_chair) ) {
+        message <- paste(i, j, frb_chair[i, j])
+        print(message)
+    }
+ }</pre>
```

Nested Loops

```
[1] "1 1 Yellen"
[1] "1 2 2014"
[1] "1 3 FALSE"
[1] "2 1 Bernanke"
[1] "2 2 2006"
[1] "2 3 TRUE"
[1] "3 1 Greenspan"
[1] "3 2 1987"
[1] "3 3 FALSE"
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$$x <- c(1, 2, 3)$$

> $f(x)$

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```
> x <- c(1, 2, 3)
> f(x)
[1] 2 4 6
```

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What if we run it without arguments?

$$> x \leftarrow c(1, 2, 3)$$

$$> x <- c(1, 2, 3)$$

What if we run it without arguments?

$$> x < -c(1, 2, 3)$$

> # Error in f() : argument "x" is missing, with no defaul

Why doesn't that work? Why didn't f see the x? It's right there!

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...R prints the instructions embedded in g: "I will find an x somewhere. I will multiply it x by 2, then return the result"

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> $g(x)$

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> x <- c(1, 2, 3)
> g()
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$$> x <- c(1, 2, 3)$$

Why does that work? How did g know about the x?

Lets talk about {}

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```
> x <- c(1, 2, 3)
> f <- function(x) {
+      y <- 1
+      x + y
+ }
> f(x)
> print(y)
[1] 2 3 4
```

> # Error in print(y) : object 'y' not found



⁸Multiple lines of code

⁹memory space

Create a function with a named parameter, and a default value

Use a named parameter, with a default value

```
> g <- function(x = NA) {
+ 2*x
+ }
```

g: "I will assume my x is NA until given a value. I will multiply my x by 2, then return the result"

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g: "I will assume $my \times is NA$ until given a value. I will multiply $my \times by 2$, then return the result" What if we run g without arguments?

$$> x <- c(1, 2, 3)$$

 $> g()$

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g: "I will assume my x is NA until given a value. I will multiply my x by 2, then return the result" What if we run g without arguments?

[1] NA

g doesn't know about the x anymore. It has it's own parameter now.



Call a function with a named parameter

Use a named parameter, to refer to an environment variable

$$> g(x = y)$$

Use a named parameter, to refer to an environment variable

$$> y <- c(1, 2, 3)$$

$$> g(x = y)$$

g: "I will copy the public y to my x. I will multiply my x by 2, then return the result"

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Use a named parameter, to refer to an environment variable

$$> y <- c(1, 2, 3)$$

$$> g(x = y)$$

[1] 2 4 6

g: "I will copy the public y to my x. I will multiply my x by 2, then return the result"

$$> x \leftarrow c(1, 2, 3)$$

Same thing, the argument in the first position is copied to the internal \boldsymbol{x} object

Create a function with multiple named parameters, and default values

```
> f \leftarrow function(x = NA, y = NA, z = NA)  { + (x - y) * z + }
```

```
> f \leftarrow function(x = NA, y = NA, z = NA)  {
    (x - y) * z
+ }
> f(x = 3, y = 2, z = 1)
```

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+   (x - y) * z
+ }
> f(x = 3, y = 2, z = 1)
[1] 1
```

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[1] FALSE



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