Problem Set 2

Political Data Science - Spring 2020

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Instructions

1. The following questions should each be answered within an R script. Be sure to provide many comments in the script to facilitate grading. Undocumented code will not be graded
2. Work on git. Fork the repository found at https://github.com/domlockett/PDS-PS2 and add your code, committing and pushing frequently. Use meaningful commit messages – these may affect your grade.
3. You may work in teams, but each student should develop their own R script. To be clear, there should be no copy and paste. Each keystroke in the assignment should be your own.
4. If you have any questions regarding the Problem Set, contact the TAs or use their office hours.
5. For students new to programming, this may take a while. Get started.

Q1 - for loops, if else, while

1. Write a for loop that iterates over the numbers 1 to 7 and prints the cube of each number using print().
2. Write a for loop that does 1000 simulations of where two fair dice are rolled. Use the function set.seed(14) so that we all have the same values when using the sample() function.
    - Write the loop such that if the two dice total to values 8,9,10,11,12 the game ends immediately
    - If the first roll does not equal one of those five values continue to roll the dice until you roll either a 2 or a 6
    - What is the average number of dice casts per game

A1 -for loops, if else, while

```
rm(list = ls())
```

Write a for loop that iterates over the numbers 1 to 7 and prints the cube of each number using print().

```
for (i in 1:7){
  print(i^3)
}
```

```
## [1] 1
## [1] 8
## [1] 27
## [1] 64
## [1] 125
## [1] 216
## [1] 343
```

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```
set.seed(14)
for (i in 1:1000){
  how.I.roll <-sample(c(1:6), 2, replace=T)
  print(how.I.roll)
  if(i == 1 & sum(how.I.roll) >= 8){
    break
  } else if(how.I.roll[1] == 2 | how.I.roll[2] == 6) {
    print(paste("Average number of dice casts is", i))
    break
  }
}
```

```
## [1] 1 1
## [1] 3 4
## [1] 3 6
## [1] "Average number of dice casts is 3"
```

Q2 - PART1: Functions

Load the following data:

http://politicaldatascience.com/PDS/Problem%20Sets/Problem%20Set%202/GSS-data.csv

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```
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#   Let's import the dataset:
library(readr)
GSS_data <- read_csv("http://politicaldatascience.com/PDS/Problem%20Sets/Problem%20Set%202/GSS-data.csv
```

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```
#   Before we start working on our function, we should clean the dataset:
library("tidyverse")

number.voters <- GSS_data %>%
  mutate(pres16 = as.factor(pres16)) %>%
  group_by(pres16) %>%
  tally()

levels(GSS_data$pres16)
```

```
## NULL
```

```
n.voter <- c(number.voters$n[1], number.voters$n[6], number.voters$n[7])
names(n.voter) <- c("Clinton", "Other", "Trump")
n.voter
```

```
## Clinton   Other   Trump
##     764      87     577
```

```
#   Let's generate that handsome function:
vote.choice <- function(x){
  if(x == "Trump"){
    return(paste("The number of participants who voted for", x, "is", n.voter[x]))
  } else if(x == "Clinton"){
    return(paste("The number of participants who voted for", x, "is", n.voter[x]))
  } else if(x == "Other"){
    return(paste("The number of participants who voted for", x, "is", n.voter[x]))
  } else {
    stop("Please enter either 'Trump' 'Clinton' or 'Other' into the function!")
  }
}

#   Now, let's see if it works or not!
vote.choice("Trump")
```

```
## [1] "The number of participants who voted for Trump is 577"
```

```r
vote.choice("Clinton")
```

```
## [1] "The number of participants who voted for Clinton is 764"
```

```r
vote.choice("Other")
```

```
## [1] "The number of participants who voted for Other is 87"
```

```r
#   What about the error message?
vote.choice("Sanders")
```

```
## Error in vote.choice("Sanders"): Please enter either 'Trump' 'Clinton' or 'Other' into the function!
```

```r
#   YES, it workssss!
```

Q2 - PART2: Functions

Run the following code

```
# install.packages('fivethrityeight')
# library(fivethirtyeight)
```

Now review the data in the cabinet_turnover object (this is loaded into your space when you load the library even though you cannot see it in the global space. You can also assign it to your own object if you'd like.).

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2. To illustrate the average number of days all appointees served in the Reagan administration was 2140.959. Below you can see that Reagan served 2922 days. So appointees served 73
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#   Let's import the data:
data("cabinet_turnover")
str(cabinet_turnover)
```

```
## Classes 'spec_tbl_df', 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 312 obs. of  7 variables:
##  $ president: Factor w/ 7 levels "Bush 41","Bush 43",..: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
##  $ position : Factor w/ 28 levels "Attorney General",..: 8 24 16 19 23 1 26 14 27 11 ...
##  $ appointee: chr  "Bert Lance" "Brock Adams" "Joseph Califano Jr." "Patricia Harris" ...
##  $ start    : Date, format: "1977-01-21" "1977-01-23" ...
##  $ end      : Date, format: "1977-09-23" "1979-07-20" ...
##  $ length   : num  245 908 920 922 923 ...
##  $ days     : num  247 912 926 926 927 ...
```

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```
library("tidyverse")
#detach(package:plyr)


my.cab.to <- cabinet_turnover %>%
  group_by(president) %>%
  summarize(mean.length = mean(length, na.rm = TRUE))

# Let's add the number of serving days as a vector:
my.cab.to
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 x 2
##   president mean.length
##   <fct>           <dbl>
## 1 Bush 41          897.
## 2 Bush 43         1135.
## 3 Carter           849.
## 4 Clinton         1236.
## 5 Obama           1252.
## 6 Reagan          1204.
```

```
## 7 Trump            470
```

```
serving.dur <- c(1461, 2922, 1461, 2922, 2922, 2922, 1105)
my.cab.to <- cbind(my.cab.to, serving.dur)

my.cab.to <- my.cab.to %>%
  mutate(prop.appoint.time = round(mean.length/serving.dur, digit = 4))

appoint <- function(x){
  return(paste("The proportion of time appointees spent serving", x, "administration is", my.cab.to$prop
}
```

```
#   Let's see if it works or not!
appoint("Trump")
```

```
## [1] "The proportion of time appointees spent serving Trump administration is 0.4253"
```

```
appoint("Bush 41")
```

```
## [1] "The proportion of time appointees spent serving Bush 41 administration is 0.6138"
```

```
appoint("Sanders")
```

```
## [1] "The proportion of time appointees spent serving Sanders administration is "
```

Q2 - PART3: Functions

Now you will use the “congress_age” data set from the “fivethirtyfive” package. Create a function called “congress_stats” that takes two arguments" congress and state.

- When you enter “congress” into the function it should return the average age of congressmembers for each congressional era. Your function should return 34 results which display the average age of congressmembers of an era as well as the congress. For example the most recent congress is the 113 Congress so one of the 34 results will be 57.6 113.
- Similarly, when you input “state” into the function, it should return the average age of congressmembers by state. The function will then return 50 results an example of one of the 50 is 53.4 TX.