Class6

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Function are the way we get stuff done in R. We call a function to read data, compute stuff, plot stuff etc.

R makes writing function accessible but we should always start by trying to get a working snippet of code first before we write our function.

#Todays lab

We will grade a whole class of student assignments.

```
# Example input vectors to start with
student1 <- c(100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 90)
student2 <- c(100, NA, 90, 90, 90, 90, 97, 80)
student3 <- c(90, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA)
```

If we want the average we can use the `mean()` function.

```
mean(student1)
```

```
[1] 98.75
```

Let's be nice instructors and drop the lowest score so the answer here should be 100.

I can use the `min()` function to find the lowest value.

I can use the minus sign to get everything but the element of the min value.

```
min(student1)
```

```
[1] 90
```

```
which.min(student1)
```

```
[1] 8
```

```
  student1[-which.min(student1)]
```

```
[1] 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
```

```
  student1[-8]
```

```
[1] 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
```

```
  mean(student1[-which.min(student1)])
```

```
[1] 100
```

Testing on the other students.

The `mean()` with the NA input returns NA by default, but this can be changed.

```
  mean(student2, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 91
```

```
  mean(student2[-which.min(student2)])
```

```
[1] NA
```

The same approach used with student2, does not work with student3.

```
  student3
```

```
[1] 90 NA NA NA NA NA NA NA
```

```
  mean(student3)
```

```
[1] NA
```

```
mean(student3, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 90
```

To stop repetitively typing `student1` and `student2`, lets work with the input x.

```
x <- student2
x
```

```
[1] 100  NA  90  90  90  90  97  80
```

Google/Claude/chat gpt told me about the `is.na` function.

```
x
```

```
[1] 100  NA  90  90  90  90  97  80
```

```
is.na(x)
```

```
[1] FALSE  TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

```
x[is.na(x)]
```

```
[1] NA
```

We can use logical to index a vector.

```
y <- 1:5
y
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
y > 3
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE
```

```
y[y > 3]
```

```
[1] 4 5
```

```
#Mask each NA values to 0
x[is.na(x)] <- 0

x
```

```
[1] 100   0  90  90  90  90  97  80
```

This is my working snippet of code that solves the problem for all my example student inputs.

```
x <- student2
#Mask each NA values to 0
x[is.na(x)] <- 0
#Drop the lowest score to get the mean
mean(x[-which.min(x)])
```

```
[1] 91
```

> Q1. Write a function grade() to determine an overall grade from a vector of student homework assignment scores dropping the lowest single score. If a student misses a homework (i.e. has an NA value) this can be used as a score to be potentially dropped. Your final function should be adquately explained with code comments and be able to work on an example class gradebook such as this one in CSV format: "https://tinyurl.com/gradeinput" [3pts]

```
grade <- function(x) {
  #Mask each NA values to 0
  x[is.na(x)] <- 0
  #Drop the lowest score to get the mean
  mean(x[-which.min(x)])
}
```

Use this `grade()` function.

```
grade(student1)
```

```
[1] 100
```

```
grade(student2)
```

```
[1] 91
```

```
grade(student3)
```

```
[1] 12.85714
```

We need to read the gradebook.

```
gradebook <- read.csv("https://tinyurl.com/gradeinput", row.names = 1)
gradebook
```

```
           hw1 hw2 hw3 hw4 hw5
student-1  100  73 100  88  79
student-2   85  64  78  89  78
student-3   83  69  77 100  77
student-4   88  NA  73 100  76
student-5   88 100  75  86  79
student-6   89  78 100  89  77
student-7   89 100  74  87 100
student-8   89 100  76  86 100
student-9   86 100  77  88  77
student-10  89  72  79  NA  76
student-11  82  66  78  84 100
student-12 100  70  75  92 100
student-13  89 100  76 100  80
student-14  85 100  77  89  76
student-15  85  65  76  89  NA
student-16  92 100  74  89  77
student-17  88  63 100  86  78
student-18  91  NA 100  87 100
student-19  91  68  75  86  79
student-20  91  68  76  88  76
```

I can use the `apply()` function to answer Q1.

```
ans <- apply(gradebook, 1, grade)

ans
```

```
 student-1  student-2  student-3  student-4  student-5  student-6  student-7
     91.75      82.50      84.25      84.25      88.25      89.00      94.00
 student-8  student-9 student-10 student-11 student-12 student-13 student-14
     93.75      87.75      79.00      86.00      91.75      92.25      87.75
student-15 student-16 student-17 student-18 student-19 student-20
     78.75      89.50      88.00      94.50      82.75      82.75
```

Q2. Using your grade() function and the supplied gradebook, Who is the top scoring student overall in the gradebook? [3pts]

```
which.max(ans)
```

```
student-18
        18
```

Q3. From your analysis of the gradebook, which homework was toughest on students (i.e. obtained the lowest scores overall? [2pts]

We could calculate the `mean()` score for each homework.

```
#Mask NA values to 0.
mask <- gradebook

mask[is.na(mask)] <- 0

hw.ave <- apply(mask, 2, mean)
hw.ave
```

```
  hw1   hw2   hw3   hw4   hw5
89.00 72.80 80.80 85.15 79.25
```

```
which.min(hw.ave)
```

```
hw2
  2
```

We can also utilize the `sum()` function.

```r
apply(gradebook, 2, sum, na.rm = T)
```

```
 hw1  hw2  hw3  hw4  hw5
1780 1456 1616 1703 1585
```

```r
which.min(apply(gradebook, 2, sum, na.rm = T))
```

```
hw2
  2
```

Optional Extension: From your analysis of the gradebook, which homework was most predictive of overall score (i.e. highest correlation with average grade score)? [1pt]

```r
cor(mask$hw5, ans)
```

```
[1] 0.6325982
```

```r
apply(mask, 2, cor, y = ans)
```

```
      hw1       hw2       hw3       hw4       hw5
0.4250204 0.1767780 0.3042561 0.3810884 0.6325982
```

```r
predic <- apply(mask, 2, cor, y = ans)

which.max(predic)
```

```
hw5
  5
```