# A. Introduction to R

- # sign for comments
- Arithmetic operators: +, -, \*, /, ^, %% (modulo)
- Variables allow you to store a value (e.g. 4) or an object (e.g. a function description)

```
> # Assign the value 42 to x
> x <- 42
> # Print out the value of x
> x
>
> # Assign a value to the variables my_apples and my_oranges
> my_apples <- 5
> my_oranges <- 6
>
> # Add these two variables together
> my_apples + my_oranges
> # Create the variable my_fruit
> my_fruit <- my_apples + my_oranges</pre>
```

- **Numerics** are decimals (e.g. 4.5)
- Integers are natural numbers
- Logical values are Boolean
- Characters are string values, (e.g. "this is a string")

```
> # Set my_numeric to be 42
> my_numeric <- 42
>
> # Set my_character to be "universe"
> my_character <- "universe"
>
> # Set my_logical to be FALSE
> my_logical <- FALSE</pre>
```

Check the data type of a variable by using: class()

```
> # Check class of my_numeric
> class(my_numeric)
"numeric"
> # Check class of my_character
```

```
> class(my_character)

"character"
> # Check class of my_logical
> class(my_logical)

"logical"
```

#### **Vectors**

- Vectors are 1-d arrays that hold numeric, character, or logical data (think python list but of one data type)
  - Create vectors using combine function c()

```
> numeric_vector <- c(1, 10, 49)
> character_vector <- c("a", "b", "c")
>
> # Complete the code for boolean_vector
> boolean_vector <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)</pre>
```

You can name the elements of a vector using names() function

```
> vector_a <- c("John Doe", "poker player"
> names( vector_a) <- c("Name", "Profession")
```

### **Exercise - Casino winnings**

```
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
-24 -50 100 -350 10
>
> total_daily <- roulette_vector+poker_vector
> total_daily
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
116 -100 120 -470 250
```

Adding vectors will take the element-wise sum:

```
> A_vector <- c(1, 2, 3)
> B_vector <- c(4, 5, 6)
> # Take the sum of A_vector and B_vector
> total_vector <- A_vector + B_vector
> total_vector
5 7 9
```

• To find the sum of the elements in a vector, use sum()

```
> total_poker <- sum(poker_vector)
> total_roulette <- sum(roulette_vector)
> # Check to see if poker winnings are greater than roulette winnings
> total_poker > total_roulette
TRUE
```

Selecting element of a vector, matrix, data frame, etc: use [] (note: first element has index 1, not 0)

```
> # Define a new variable based on a selection
> poker_wednesday <- poker_vector[3]
```

• Select multiple elements of vector, matrix, data frame, etc: use [c()]

```
> # Define a new variable based on a selection of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
> poker_midweek <- poker_vector[c(2,3,4)]</pre>
```

Select multiple elements using splicing ":"

```
> # Define a new variable based on a selection of Tuesday to Friday
> roulette_selection_vector <-roulette_vector[2:5]
```

• Select multiple elements using their names

```
> # Select poker results for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
> poker_start <- poker_vector[c("Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday")]
```

• Calculate the average of a vector using **mean()** 

```
> mean(poker_start)
36.66667
```

- Comparison operators:
  - These command operators return TRUE or FALSE

<	>	<=	>=	==	!=

 R will select only elements that are TRUE when a logical vector is passed in square brackets

```
> # Which days did you make money on poker?
> selection_vector <- poker_vector > 0
>
> # Select from poker_vector these days
> poker_winning_days <- poker_vector[selection_vector]
>
> poker_winning_days
Monday Wednesday Friday
140 20 240
```

#### **Matrices**

- A matrix is a collection of elements of the same data type, arranged into a fixed number of rows and columns
- Construct a matrix with matrix() function
  - First argument is the collection of elements to be arranged into rows and columns
  - Argument byrow indicates that the matrix is filled by rows, TRUE or FALSE (FALSE for matrix filled by columns)
  - Argument **nrow** indicates how many rows in the matrix

```
> matrix(1:9, byrow = TRUE, nrow = 3)
    [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 2 3
[2,] 4 5 6
[3,] 7 8 9
> # Box office Star Wars (in millions!)
> new hope <- c(460.998, 314.4)
> empire_strikes <- c(290.475, 247.900)
> return_jedi <- c(309.306, 165.8)
> # Create box_office
> box_office <- c(new_hope, empire_strikes, return_jedi)
> # Construct star wars matrix
> star wars matrix <- matrix(box office, byrow=TRUE, nrow=3)
    [,1]
[1,] 460.998 314.4
[2,] 290.475 247.9
[3,] 309.306 165.8
```

- Adding row and column names
  - rownames(matrix) <- row\_names\_vector</li>
  - colnames(matrix) <- col\_names\_vector</li>

```
> # Vectors region and titles, used for naming
> region <- c("US", "non-US")
> titles <- c("A New Hope", "The Empire Strikes Back", "Return of the Jedi")
>
> # Name the columns with region
> colnames(star_wars_matrix) <- region
>
> # Name the rows with titles
> rownames(star_wars_matrix) <- titles
>
```

```
> # Print out star_wars_matrix
> Star_wars_matrix

US non-US
A New Hope 460.998 314.4
The Empire Strikes Back 290.475 247.9
Return of the Jedi 309.306 165.8
```

 rowSums(matrix) calculates the totals for each row of a matrix, creating a new vector as the result

- Adding columns to matrix using cbind()
  - Merges matrices and/or vectors together by column
  - Big matrix = cbind(matrix1, matrix2, vector1...)

```
> # Bind the new variable worldwide_vector as a column to star_wars_matrix
> all_wars_matrix <- cbind(star_wars_matrix, worldwide_vector)

US non-US worldwide_vector
A New Hope 460.998 314.4 775.398
The Empire Strikes Back 290.475 247.9 538.375
Return of the Jedi 309.306 165.8 475.106
```

• Adding rows to matrix with **rbind**()

```
> star_wars_matrix2
US non-US
The Phantom Menace 474.5 552.5
Attack of the Clones 310.7 338.7
Revenge of the Sith 380.3 468.5
> # Combine both Star Wars trilogies in one matrix
```

```
> all_wars_matrix <- rbind(star_wars_matrix, star_wars_matrix2)
> all_wars_matrix

US non-US

A New Hope 461.0 314.4
The Empire Strikes Back 290.5 247.9
Return of the Jedi 309.3 165.8
The Phantom Menace 474.5 552.5
Attack of the Clones 310.7 338.7
Revenge of the Sith 380.3 468.5
```

colSums() to calculate totals for each column of a matrix

```
> # Total revenue for US and non-US
> total_revenue_vector <- colSums(all_wars_matrix)
> 
> # Print out total_revenue_vector
> total_revenue_vector
US non-US
2226.3 2087.8
```

- Selection of matrix elements using brackets
  - My matrix[1,2] selects element at the first row and second column
  - My\_matrix[1:3, 2:4] results in a matrix with the data on the rows 1, 2, 3 and columns 2, 3, 4
  - My matrix[,1] selects all elements of the first column
  - My matrix[1,] selects all elements of the first row

```
> # Select the non-US revenue for all movies
> non_us_all <- all_wars_matrix[,2]
>
> # Average non-US revenue
> mean(non_us_all)
[1] 347.9667
> # Select the non-US revenue for first two movies
> non_us_some <- all_wars_matrix[1:2, 2]
>
> # Average non-US revenue for first two movies
> mean(non_us_some)
[1] 281.15
```

- Arithmetic on matrices
  - 2 \* my matrix will multiply each element of the matrix by 2
  - o my matrix/10 will divide each element of the matrix by 10

- My\_matrix1 \* my\_matrix2 will create a matrix where each element is a product of the corresponding elements in the two matrices
  - Not the classic multiplication of matrices

```
> # Estimate the visitors, assuming each ticket is $5
> visitors <- all wars matrix/5
> # Print the estimate to the console
> visitors
                      US non-US
A New Hope
                      92.20 62.88
The Empire Strikes Back 58.10 49.58
Return of the Jedi 61.86 33.16
The Phantom Menace 94.90 110.50
Attack of the Clones 62.14 67.74
Revenge of the Sith
                     76.06 93.70
> ticket_prices_matrix
                      US non-US
A New Hope
                      5.0 5.0
The Empire Strikes Back 6.0 6.0
Return of the Jedi 7.0 7.0
The Phantom Menace 4.0 4.0
Attack of the Clones 4.5 4.5
Revenge of the Sith 4.9 4.9
> # Estimated number of visitors
> visitors <- all wars matrix/ticket prices matrix
> # US visitors
> us_visitors <- visitors[,1]
> # Average number of US visitors
> mean(us_visitors)
[1] 75.01401
```

### **Factors**

- Factor is a data type used to store categorical variables (limited number of categories)
- To create a factor, use function factor()
- Factor levels are also known as the number of categories

```
> # Sex vector
> sex_vector <- c("Male", "Female", "Male", "Male")
>
> # Convert sex_vector to a factor
```

```
> factor_sex_vector <- factor(sex_vector)
> # Print out factor_sex_vector
> factor_sex_vector
[1] Male Female Female Male Male
Levels: Female Male
```

- Nominal categorical variables: categorical variable without an implied order
  - o Ex: categories are "Elephant", "Giraffe", and "Cow"
- Ordinal categorical variables: categorical variables with natural ordering
  - Ex: categories are "Low", "Medium", and "High"
- Change the names of factor levels using levels()
  - levels(factor vector) <- c("name1", "name2",...)</li>

```
> # Code to build factor_survey_vector
> survey_vector <- c("M", "F", "F", "M", "M")
> factor_survey_vector <- factor(survey_vector)
>
> # Specify the levels of factor_survey_vector
> levels(factor_survey_vector) <-c("Female", "Male")
>
> factor_survey_vector
[1] Male Female Female Male Male
Levels: Female Male
```

• Using **summary()** to see a quick overview of the contents of a variable

```
> summary(factor_survey_vector)
Female Male
2 3
```

Ordered factors using factor() - need argument "ordered = TRUE" and levels = "..."

```
> # Create speed_vector
> speed_vector <- c("medium", "slow", "medium", "fast")
>
> # Convert speed_vector to ordered factor vector
> factor_speed_vector <- factor(speed_vector, ordered = TRUE, levels = c("slow", "medium", "fast"))
>
> # Print factor_speed_vector
> factor_speed_vector
```

```
[1] medium slow slow medium fast
Levels: slow < medium < fast

> summary(factor_speed_vector)
slow medium fast
2 2 1

> #Factor value for second data analyst
> da2 <-factor_speed_vector[2]
> #Factor value for fifth data analyst
> da5 <- factor_speed_vector[5]
> #Is data analyst 2 faster than data analyst 5?
> da2 > da5
[1] FALSE
```

#### **Data Frames**

- Has variables of a data set as columns and observations as rows, can hold different data types
- Example data frame:

```
> # Print out built-in R data frame
> mtcars
                mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
Mazda RX4
              21.0 6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 4
Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1 4
Datsun 710
                22.8 4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1 4 1
              21.4 6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1
Hornet 4 Drive
Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0 3 2
Valiant
               18.1 6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0 3
              14.3 8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0 0 3 4
Duster 360
Merc 240D
                24.4 4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1 0 4 2
```

- Looking at the top and end of a data frame head() and tail()
- Looking at the structure of a data frame str()
- Creating a data frame
  - Function to create a dataframe: data.frame(), pass all the vectors to be included as arguments

```
> # Definition of vectors
> name <- c("Mercury", "Venus", "Earth", "Mars", "Jupiter", "Saturn", "Uranus", "Neptune")
> type <- c("Terrestrial planet", "Terrestrial planet", "Terrestrial planet",
```

```
"Terrestrial planet", "Gas giant", "Gas giant", "Gas giant", "Gas giant")
> diameter <- c(0.382, 0.949, 1, 0.532, 11.209, 9.449, 4.007, 3.883)
> rotation <- c(58.64, -243.02, 1, 1.03, 0.41, 0.43, -0.72, 0.67)
> rings <- c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE)
> # Create a data frame from the vectors
> planets_df <-data.frame(name, type, diameter, rotation, rings)
> planets df
   name
                            diameter rotation rings
            type
1 Mercury Terrestrial planet 0.382 58.64
                                             FALSE
2 Venus Terrestrial planet 0.949 -243.02 FALSE
3 Earth
           Terrestrial planet 1.000 1.00
                                            FALSE
4 Mars Terrestrial planet 0.532 1.03
                                             FALSE
5 Jupiter Gas giant
                             11.209 0.41
                                             TRUE
                             9.449 0.43
6 Saturn Gas giant
                                            TRUE
                             4.007 -0.72 TRUE
7 Uranus Gas giant
8 Neptune Gas giant
                             3.883
                                     0.67
                                             TRUE
> # Check the structure of planets_df
> str(planets df)
'data.frame': 8 obs. of 5 variables:
$ name : Factor w/ 8 levels "Earth", "Jupiter", ..: 4 8 1 3 2 6 7 5
$ type : Factor w/ 2 levels "Gas giant", "Terrestrial planet": 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1
$ diameter: num 0.382 0.949 1 0.532 11.209 ...
$ rotation: num 58.64 -243.02 1 1.03 0.41 ...
$ rings : logi FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE ...
> # Print out diameter of Mercury (row 1, column 3)
> planets_df[1,3]
[1] 0.382
> # Print out data for Mars (entire fourth row)
> planets_df[4,]
 name type
                        diameter rotation rings
4 Mars Terrestrial planet 0.532 1.03 FALSE
> # Select first 5 values of diameter column
> planets_df[1:5, "diameter"]
[1] 0.382 0.949 1.000 0.532 11.209
> # Select the rings variable from planets df
> rings vector <- planets df$rings
> # Print out rings vector
> rings vector
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

- Call columns of a dataframe by name using \$
  - Format: dataframe\$column
- Using **subset()** to subset a dataframe
  - o subset(my\_df, subset = some\_condition)

```
> # Select planets with diameter < 1
> subset(planets_df, subset=diameter <1)
    name type diameter rotation rings
1 Mercury Terrestrial planet 0.382 58.64 FALSE
2 Venus Terrestrial planet 0.949 -243.02 FALSE
4 Mars Terrestrial planet 0.532 1.03 FALSE
```

- order() is a function that gives the ranked position of each element when it is applied on a variable
  - o To reshuffle the order of a, use a[order(a)]

```
> # Use order() to create positions
>positions <- order(planets df$diameter)
> # Use positions to sort planets df
> planets df[positions, ]
  name
               type
                         diameter rotation rings
1 Mercury Terrestrial planet 0.382 58.64 FALSE
4 Mars
          Terrestrial planet 0.532 1.03
                                         FALSE
2 Venus
          Terrestrial planet 0.949 -243.02 FALSE
3 Earth
         Terrestrial planet 1.000 1.00
                                         FALSE
8 Neptune Gas giant
                          3.883 0.67
                                         TRUE
7 Uranus Gas giant
                         4.007
                                  -0.72 TRUE
6 Saturn
          Gas giant
                          9.449
                                  0.43
                                         TRUE
5 Jupiter
          Gas giant
                          11.209
                                  0.41
                                          TRUE
```

#### Lists

- Lists allow you to gather a variety of objects under one name
- Use the function **list()** 
  - My\_list <- list(comp1, comp2...)</li>
  - Name each component in the list using format: list(name1 = comp1, name2=comp2...)
  - Or by using names(my\_list) <- c("name1", "name2")</li>

```
> # Vector with numerics from 1 up to 10
> my_vector <- 1:10
>
```

- Selecting elements from list since lists can be built out of numerous elements and components, selecting a single element is not straightforward
  - Selecting by numbered position of the component:
    - Double brackets My\_list[[1]]
    - My\_list[[2]][1] will grab the second component and its first element
  - Selecting by \$ sign and name
    - My list\$element1
- Adding elements to lists using c()
  - Ext\_list <- c(my\_list, my\_name=my\_val)</li>

#### B. Intermediate R

### **Relational Operators**

- Equality ==
- Inequality !=
- < and >, check for strings in alphabetical order
- TRUE = 1, FALSE = 0
- Comparing vectors to answer questions like:
  - On which days did the number of LinkedIn profile views exceed 15?
  - When was your LinkedIn profile viewed only 5 times or fewer?
  - When was your LinkedIn profile visited more often than your Facebook profile?

```
> # Linkedin and Facebook vectors
> linkedin <- c(16, 9, 13, 5, 2, 17, 14)
> facebook <- c(17, 7, 5, 16, 8, 13, 14)
>
> # Popular days
> linkedin>15
```

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

> # Quiet days
> linkedin<=5
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
> # LinkedIn more popular than Facebook
> linkedin>facebook
[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

## Comparing matrices

```
> views <- matrix(c(linkedin, facebook), nrow = 2, byrow = TRUE)
> # When does views equal 13?
> views==13
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7]
[1,] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
[2,] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
> # When is views less than or equal to 14?
> views<=14
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7]
[1,] FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE
[2,] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE</pre>
```

- AND operator &
- && only examines the first element of each vector
- OR operator |
- II only examines the first element of each vector
- NOT operator!

```
> linkedin > 10 & facebook < 10
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
> # When were one or both visited at least 12 times?
> linkedin>=12 | facebook>=12
[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE
> # When is views between 11 (exclusive) and 14 (inclusive)?
> views>11 & views<=14
    [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7]
[1,] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
[2,] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE
```

- Conditional statements
  - o If, else, else if statement structure

```
if (condition) {
  expression1
} else if (condition) {
  expression2
} else {
  expression2
}
```

 It's important that the else and else if keyword comes on the same line as the closing bracket of the if part!

```
> # Variables related to your last day of recordings
> medium <- "LinkedIn"
> num views <- 14
> # Examine the if statement for medium
> if (medium == "LinkedIn") {
 print("Showing LinkedIn information")
> # Variables related to your last day of recordings
> li <- 15
> fb <- 9
> # Code the control-flow construct
> if (li >= 15 \& fb >= 15) {
 sms <- 2 * (li + fb)
} else if (li < 10 & fb < 10) {
 sms < -0.5 * (li + fb)
} else {
 sms <- (li + fb)
```

```
}
> # Print the resulting sms to the console
>sms
[1] 24
```

While loopwhile (condition) {

expr

```
> # Initialize the speed variable
> speed <- 64
>

> # Code the while loop
> while (speed>30) {
    print("Slow down!")
        speed <- speed-7
}
[1] "Slow down!"
> > # Print out the speed variable
> speed
[1] 29
```

```
> # Initialize the speed variable
> speed <- 64
>

> # Extend/adapt the while loop
> while (speed > 30) {
  print(paste("Your speed is",speed))
  if (speed > 48) {
    print("Slow down big time!")
    speed <- speed-11
  } else {
    print("Slow down!")
    speed <- speed-6
  }
}</pre>
```

• Break statement: when R encounters this, the while loop stops

```
> # Initialize the speed variable
> speed <- 88
>
> while (speed > 30) {
    print(paste("Your speed is", speed))

# Break the while loop when speed exceeds 80
    if (speed > 80) {
        break
    }

if (speed > 48) {
        print("Slow down big time!")
        speed <- speed - 11
    } else {
        print("Slow down!")
        speed <- speed - 6
    }
}
[1] "Your speed is 88"
```

- For loop
  - Break statement- stops the loop
  - Next statement skips to the next iteration

```
> # The linkedin vector has already been defined for you
> linkedin <- c(16, 9, 13, 5, 2, 17, 14)
>
> # Loop version 1
> for (day in linkedin) {
    print(day)
}
> # Loop version 2
> for (i in 1:length(linkedin)) {
    print (linkedin[i])
}
```

• Looping over a matrix requires a nested for loop - to loop over the rows and columns

```
>ttt
    [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] "O" NA "X"
[2,] NA "O" "O"
[3,] "X" NA "X"
>
```

```
> # define the double for loop
> for (i in 1:nrow(ttt)) {
  for (j in 1:ncol(ttt)) {
   print(paste("On row i and column j the board contains x", ttt[i,j]))
  }
 }
> # The linkedin vector has already been defined for you
> linkedin <- c(16, 9, 13, 5, 2, 17, 14)
> # Extend the for loop
> for (li in linkedin) {
 if (li > 10) {
  print("You're popular!")
 } else {
  print("Be more visible!")
 # Add if statement with break
 if (li > 16) {
  print ("This is ridiculous, I'm outta here!")
  break
 }
 # Add if statement with next
 if (1i < 5) {
  print ("This is too embarrassing!")
  next
 print(li)
```

#### **Functions**

- Function documentation: use help (func) or ?func
- Standard deviation function: sd()
- abs():absolute function
- args(func) is a shortcut way of finding what arguments are required in the function

```
> # The linkedin and facebook vectors have already been created for you
> linkedin <- c(16, 9, 13, 5, 2, 17, 14)
> facebook <- c(17, 7, 5, 16, 8, 13, 14)
>
> # Calculate the mean of the sum
> avg_sum <- mean(linkedin + facebook)
```

```
> # Calculate the trimmed mean of the sum
> avg_sum_trimmed <- mean(linkedin + facebook, trim=0.2)
> # Inspect both new variables
> avg_sum
[1] 22.28571
> avg_sum_trimmed
[1] 22.6
```

## Mean(x, trim=0, na.rm=FALSE)

o Na.rm argument deals with missing values

```
> linkedin <- c(16, 9, 13, 5, NA, 17, 14)
> facebook <- c(17, NA, 5, 16, 8, 13, 14)
> # Basic average of linkedin
> mean(linkedin)
[1] NA
> # Advanced average of linkedin
> mean(linkedin, na.rm=TRUE)
[1] 12.33333
```

### Writing own functions

```
Template:
my_func <- function(arg1, arg2) {
body
}
```

```
> # Define the interpret function
> interpret <- function(num_views) {
    if (num_views > 15) {
        print ("You're popular!")
        return (num_views)
        } else {
        print ("Try to be more visible!")
        return (0)
        }
    }
}
> # Call the interpret function twice
> interpret(linkedin[1])
> interpret(facebook[2])
> # Define the interpret_all() function
> # views: vector with data to interpret
```

```
> # return_sum: return total number of views on popular days?
> interpret_all <- function(views, return_sum=TRUE) {
    count <- 0

for (v in views) {
    count <- count + interpret(v)
    }

if (return_sum) {
    return (count)
    } else {
    return (NULL)
    }
}</pre>
```

#### R packages

- Packages base, ggvis (for visualization)
- o > search()
  - Shows current packages installed in R
- o > install.packages("ggvis")
  - This command goes to CRAN Comprehensive R Archive Network
- o > library ("ggvis")
  - This loads the package and now can be used within R
- o > require (func)
  - This shows what package needs to be installed to use the function
- lapply()
  - o lapply(X, Func, ...)
  - Used to apply a function to a vector, list
  - Always returns as a list, unless you apply function **unlist()** on the lapply() function

```
> # The vector pioneers has already been created for you
> pioneers <- c("GAUSS:1777", "BAYES:1702", "PASCAL:1623", "PEARSON:1857")
> # Split names from birth year
> split_math <- strsplit(pioneers, split = ":")
> # Convert to lowercase strings: split_low
> split_low <- lapply(split_math, tolower)
> # Take a look at the structure of split_low
> str(split_low)
List of 4
$ : chr [1:2] "gauss" "1777"
$ : chr [1:2] "bayes" "1702"
```

```
$ : chr [1:2] "pascal" "1623"
$ : chr [1:2] "pearson" "1857"
>
> # Generic select function
> select_el <- function(x, index) {
    x[index]
}
> # Use lapply() twice on split_low: names and years
> names <- lapply(split_low, select_el, index=1)
> years <- lapply(split_low, select_el, index=2)</pre>
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 Anonymous functions - useful for when using a function one time, no need to name function

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> # Definition of split_low
> pioneers <- c("GAUSS:1777", "BAYES:1702", "PASCAL:1623", "PEARSON:1857")
> split <- strsplit(pioneers, split = ":")
> split_low <- lapply(split, tolower)
>
> # Transform: use anonymous function inside lapply
> names <- lapply(split_low, function(x) {x[1]})
> # Transform: use anonymous function inside lapply
> years <- lapply(split_low, function(x) {x[2]})</pre>
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