

Exercise 2.2

User generated functions

useful commands: `function(){} , is.na() , which() , length() , floor() , median() , %% (remainder) , month.name`

To make a function, we use:

```
my_function = function ( arglist ) {body}
```

01*. create a function that turns 0's in a numeric vector into NA's

```
zero_to_NA = function(v){  
  v_new = v  
  v_new[v==0] = NA  
  return(v_new)  
}
```

test your function by creating a vector that contains zeros and calling the function

```
test1 = c(1,0,0,3)  
zero_to_NA(test1)
```

```
## [1] 1 NA NA 3
```

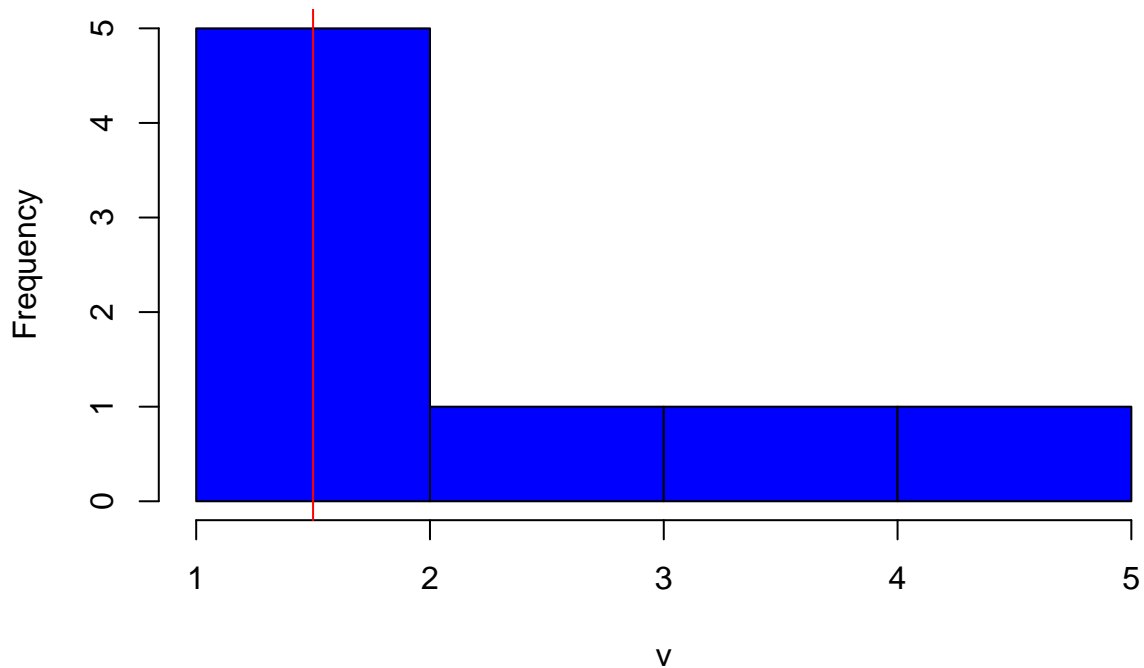
02*. create a function that plots a histogram of a vector and also adds a vertical line at the median

test your function by creating a numeric vector and calling the function

BONUS: use `...` to pass optional arguments to your function (e.g. a title or color for your histogram)

```
medHist = function(v, ...){ #the name and arguments specified  
  #additionally, we added ... to accept any other graphical arguments  
  hist(v, ...) # we pass the optional graphical parameters to hist() using ...  
  abline(v = median(v), col = "red")  
}  
  
medHist(c(1,1,1,1,2,3,4,5), col = "blue", main = "my histogram") # testing function
```

my histogram



BONUS 03. create a function that when given a month name

- prints the subsequent month's names
- i.e. `nextMonth("January")` returns `"February"`
- hint: the vector of month names is built into R .. try typing `month.name` in your console
- make sure your function works for December!

```
nextMonth = function(m){  
  index = (which(month.name == m) + 1)%12  
  # %% gets the remainder from dividing by 12 .. so '13' becomes 1 (January)  
  new_month = month.name[index]  
  return(new_month)  
}
```

Can also use if statements

```
nextMonth = function(m){  
  index = (which(month.name == m) + 1)  
  if(index == 13) {  
    return(month.name[1])  
  }  
  if(index != 13) {  
    new_month = month.name[index]  
  }  
}  
  
nextMonth("February") # testing  
nextMonth("December") # testing -> round corner back to January
```

```
## [1] "January"
```

note: can use `sapply()` to go over vector of more than length 1 (i.e. multiple months)

```
sapply(c("February", "December"), nextMonth) #returns "March", "January"
```

```
## February December  
## "March" "January"
```