

# Iteration, Likelihood, and All That

# For Loops!

```
x<-1:100000  
#  
for (i in x){  
  x[i]<-x[i] +1  
}
```

# For Loops: Costs & Benefits

## Benefits:

1. Minimal code for repetitive actions
2. Can map same operation across a vectore, matrix, list, etc.

## Costs:

1. Slow.
2. Lots of Code.

## Speed: Many Operations Faster via *Vectorization*

```
1:10 + 1
```

```
# [1] 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
```

# Many Operations Faster via *Vectorization*

```
system.time(1:100000+1)

#    user  system elapsed
#  0.001   0.000   0.001

system.time({
  x<-1:100000
  for(i in x) x[i]<-x[i] +1
})

#    user  system elapsed
#  0.335   0.010   0.346
```

# Vectorization Ubiquitos

```
dnorm(5, mean = 1:10, sd = 1)
```

```
# [1] 1.338e-04 4.432e-03 5.399e-02 2.420e-01 3.989e-01
```

```
# [6] 2.420e-01 5.399e-02 4.432e-03 1.338e-04 1.487e-06
```

## Vectorization Ambiguous in Many Instances...

```
sampMean <- function (vec, size) mean(sample(vec, size))  
  
sampMean(vec=1:5, size=1:5)  
  
# [1] 1
```

# How to Vectorize Ambiguous Functions

```
sampMeanV <- Vectorize(sampMean,  
                        vectorize.args="size")
```

```
sampMeanV(vec=1:5, size=1:5)
```

```
# [1] 3.000 3.000 3.333 3.000 3.000
```



# The Guts of Vectorize

```
sampMeanV

# function (vec, size)
# {
#   args <- lapply(as.list(match.call())[-1L], eval, parent.frame())
#   names <- if (is.null(names(args)))
#     character(length(args))
#   else names(args)
#   dovec <- names %in% vectorize.args
#   do.call("mapply", c(FUN = FUN, args[dovec], MoreArgs = list(args[
#     SIMPLIFY = SIMPLIFY, USE.NAMES = USE.NAMES))
#   })
# }
# <environment: 0x1034f21f8>
```

# Minimizing Code for Mapping Functions: the Apply Family

Take an object type - vector, matrix, list, etc., and map a function to every element, cleanly and quickly.

## sapply for Vectors

```
f <- function(x) x+1  
sapply(1:5,f)  
  
# [1] 2 3 4 5 6
```