

R Functions Lab Class 6

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Writing Functions

Initiate sample student grades

```
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)
```

Create a grade() function.

```
grade <- function(n, na.rm = TRUE) {
  n <- sort(n, decreasing = T, na.last = T) #sort the vector from greatest to least
  n <- n[-length(n)] #remove the last element
  n[is.na(n)] <- 0 #this will set any NA values to 0 before calculating mean
  mean(n, na.rm = na.rm) #calculate mean ignoring NA
}
```

testing stuff

```
sort(student2)
```

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

```
sort(student2, decreasing = F, na.last = T)
```

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

Different ways to do the same thing exist

Instead of sorting we can use `which.min` to find the index of the lowest value and go `vector[which.min(vector)]` to remove the element at that vector.

```
grade_class <- function(df){  
  df[is.na(df)] <- 0  
  mean(df[-which.min(df)])  
}
```

Import grade book

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

Q2 Who is the top scoring student?

```
all_students <- apply(gradebook, 1, grade_class)  
all_students[which.max(all_students)]
```

```
student-18  
94.5
```

Q3 What was the toughest homework?

```
homeworks <- apply(gradebook, 2, grade)  
homeworks[which.min(homeworks)]
```

```
hw2  
76.63158
```

```
#can also be done using sums
which.min(apply(gradebook, 2, sum, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
hw2
2
```

Q4 Which homework was most predictive of overall grade?

```
#compare all student grades to homework grades to see which on is the least different
mask <- gradebook
mask[is.na(mask)] <- 0

cor(mask$hw5, all_students) #one column at a time
```

```
[1] 0.6325982
```

```
#find the highest correlation out of all the homeworks
deviation <- apply(mask, 2, cor, y = all_students)
deviation
```

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

```
deviation[which.max(deviation)]
```

```
      hw5
0.6325982
```