

# Homework 3

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## Problem 1

Implement a function that sorts a dataframe based on the alphabetical order of its row names. The function should return a new dataframe where the row names are arranged in alphabetical order. Use the `mtcars` dataset to demonstrate your function.

Hints: 1. The `rownames()` function can be employed to retrieve the row names. 2. The `order()` function is useful for obtaining the alphabetical sequence.

```
dataAlpha = function(df){  
  orderedRows = order(rownames(df))  
  print(orderedRows)  
  df = df[orderedRows,]  
  return(df)  
}
```

```
df = mtcars  
dataAlpha(df)
```

```
## [1] 23 15 24 17 3 22 7 30 18 26 29 19 4 5 16 28 31 1 2 9 8 10 11 12 13  
## [26] 14 25 27 20 21 6 32
```

```
##  
##          mpg cyl  disp  hp drat   wt  qsec vs am gear carb  
## AMC Javelin      15.2   8  304.0  150 3.15 3.435 17.30 0 0   3   2  
## Cadillac Fleetwood 10.4   8  472.0  205 2.93 5.250 17.98 0 0   3   4  
## Camaro Z28       13.3   8  350.0  245 3.73 3.840 15.41 0 0   3   4  
## Chrysler Imperial 14.7   8  440.0  230 3.23 5.345 17.42 0 0   3   4  
## Datsun 710       22.8   4  108.0   93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1   4   1  
## Dodge Challenger  15.5   8  318.0  150 2.76 3.520 16.87 0 0   3   2  
## Duster 360       14.3   8  360.0  245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0 0   3   4  
## Ferrari Dino     19.7   6  145.0  175 3.62 2.770 15.50 0 1   5   6  
## Fiat 128         32.4   4   78.7   66 4.08 2.200 19.47 1 1   4   1  
## Fiat X1-9        27.3   4   79.0   66 4.08 1.935 18.90 1 1   4   1  
## Ford Pantera L   15.8   8  351.0  264 4.22 3.170 14.50 0 1   5   4  
## Honda Civic      30.4   4   75.7   52 4.93 1.615 18.52 1 1   4   2  
## Hornet 4 Drive   21.4   6  258.0  110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0   3   1  
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7   8  360.0  175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0   3   2  
## Lincoln Continental 10.4   8  460.0  215 3.00 5.424 17.82 0 0   3   4  
## Lotus Europa     30.4   4   95.1  113 3.77 1.513 16.90 1 1   5   2  
## Maserati Bora    15.0   8  301.0  335 3.54 3.570 14.60 0 1   5   8
```

## Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
## Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
## Merc 230	22.8	4	140.8	95	3.92	3.150	22.90	1	0	4	2
## Merc 240D	24.4	4	146.7	62	3.69	3.190	20.00	1	0	4	2
## Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.30	1	0	4	4
## Merc 280C	17.8	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.90	1	0	4	4
## Merc 450SE	16.4	8	275.8	180	3.07	4.070	17.40	0	0	3	3
## Merc 450SL	17.3	8	275.8	180	3.07	3.730	17.60	0	0	3	3
## Merc 450SLC	15.2	8	275.8	180	3.07	3.780	18.00	0	0	3	3
## Pontiac Firebird	19.2	8	400.0	175	3.08	3.845	17.05	0	0	3	2
## Porsche 914-2	26.0	4	120.3	91	4.43	2.140	16.70	0	1	5	2
## Toyota Corolla	33.9	4	71.1	65	4.22	1.835	19.90	1	1	4	1
## Toyota Corona	21.5	4	120.1	97	3.70	2.465	20.01	1	0	3	1
## Valiant	18.1	6	225.0	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1
## Volvo 142E	21.4	4	121.0	109	4.11	2.780	18.60	1	1	4	2

## Problem 2

Initiate an empty vector named “mpg\_discrete” with a length corresponding to the number of rows in the mtcars dataset. Construct a for loop that traverses from 1 to the total number of rows in the mtcars dataset. If the mpg value at position i is greater than or equal to the average mpg, set mpg\_discrete[i] to 0. If the mpg value at position i is below the average, set mpg\_discrete[i] to 1.

```
meanMPG = mean(mtcars$mpg)
mpg_discrete = vector(length = nrow(mtcars))
for(x in 1:nrow(mtcars)){
  if(mtcars$mpg[x]>meanMPG){
    mpg_discrete[x] = 0
  }
  if(mtcars$mpg[x]<meanMPG){
    mpg_discrete[x] = 1
  }
}
mpg_discrete
```

```
## [1] 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 0
```

## Problem 3

Utilize the apply function to generate the same output as in Problem 2 without resorting to a for loop.

Hint: Construct a custom function that takes a row vector as input and returns the transformed mpg value, either 0 or 1.

```
meanMPG = mean(mtcars$mpg)
mpg_discrete = vector(length = nrow(mtcars))
setBits = function(x){
  return(as.numeric(x>meanMPG))
}
apply(mtcars[1],2,setBits)
```

```
##      mpg
## [1,]  1
## [2,]  1
## [3,]  1
```

```
## [4,] 1
## [5,] 0
## [6,] 0
## [7,] 0
## [8,] 1
## [9,] 1
## [10,] 0
## [11,] 0
## [12,] 0
## [13,] 0
## [14,] 0
## [15,] 0
## [16,] 0
## [17,] 0
## [18,] 1
## [19,] 1
## [20,] 1
## [21,] 1
## [22,] 0
## [23,] 0
## [24,] 0
## [25,] 0
## [26,] 1
## [27,] 1
## [28,] 1
## [29,] 0
## [30,] 0
## [31,] 0
## [32,] 1
```

## Problem 4

Write a while loop to calculate pi with accuracy 0.001 i.e.  $|\text{youreestimatepi} - \text{pi}| < 0.001$  where true pi is a default variable in R. Use Gregory-Leibniz series to estimate pi, i.e.,  $\text{est\_pi} = 4[1 - 1/3 + 1/5 - 1/7 + 1/9 \dots]$ .

Hint: Within the while loop, set a condition based on the desired accuracy. Allow the loop to progress with an incrementing variable 'n' indicating the number of terms used in est\_pi, and terminate the loop once the target accuracy has been met.

```
gregLeiPi = function(acc){
  i = 0
  n = 4
  denom = -3
  while(abs(pi-4*n)>acc){
    n = n+ 1/denom
    denom = (abs(denom)+2)*-1
    i= i+1
  }
  return(i)
}
gregLeiPi(0.001)
```

```
## [1] 642
```

## Problem 5

Initialize a random seed using the `set.seed()` function. Employ the Monte Carlo method, as outlined in Lecture Note 6, to approximate the value of pi to the same level of precision as described in Problem 4. Compare the time taken to compute pi using both the Gregory-Leibniz series (from Problem 4) and the Monte Carlo method by leveraging the `system.time()` function.

Bonus: Earn an additional 2 bonus points for the assignment by presenting one or more alternative techniques for estimating pi and contrasting their computational times.

```
monteCarloPi = function(acc){
  set.seed(123)
  count = 0
  n = 1
  while(abs(pi-4*sqrt(1-n**2))>acc){
    n = runif(1, 0.0,1.0)
    count = count+1
  }
  return(count)
}
```

Bonus: calculate pi using Nilakantha series.

```
nilakanPi = function(acc){
  i = 0
  estim = 3
  denom = 2
  polarity = 1
  while(abs(pi-estim)>acc){
    estim = estim+ polarity*4/(denom*(denom+1)*(denom+2))
    denom = denom+2
    i= i+1
    polarity = polarity*(-1)
  }
  return(i)
}
nilakanPi(0.001)
```

```
## [1] 6
```

Comparing

```
acc = 0.001
system.time(monteCarloPi(acc))
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##    0.006   0.000   0.005
```

```
system.time(gregLeiPi(acc))
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##         0         0         0
```

```
system.time(nilakanPi(acc))
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##         0         0         0
```

Monte carlo seems to be the fastest, by a small amount at first but if I turn up the accuracy to 0.0001 the difference is many times faster.

## Problem 6

Create a user-defined function to compute the sum of two vectors. The function should return an error message in the following situations:

1. The two vectors are of different lengths.
2. Either of the vectors contains non-numerical values.

```
myvecsum = function(a,b){  
  if(length(a)!=length(b)){  
    stop("Lengths unequal!")  
  }  
  if(!(is.numeric(a[1])&&is.numeric(b[1]))){  
    stop("Vectors not numeric!")  
  }  
  newVec= vector(length = length(a))  
  for(x in 1:length(a)){  
    newVec[x] = a[x]+b[x]  
  }  
  return(newVec)  
}
```

Verify the functionality of your function using these test cases:

```
try(myvecsum(c(1,2), c(2,3,4)))
```

```
## Error in myvecsum(c(1, 2), c(2, 3, 4)) : Lengths unequal!
```

```
try(myvecsum(c('a','b'), c(1,2)))
```

```
## Error in myvecsum(c("a", "b"), c(1, 2)) : Vectors not numeric!
```

```
myvecsum(c(1,2),c(2,3))
```

```
## [1] 3 5
```