# **Advanced R Programming**

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#### **Outline**

- R condition statements
- R loops
- R functions
- Data manipulations

#### R condition statement: if

Condition statemants allow you to specify the execution of your code. They
are extremely useful if you want to run a piece a code if a certain condition is
met. The syntax of if statement is

```
if (test expression) {statements;}
x = c(8, -3, 2, -6);
#any() checks if any of the elements of a vector are TRUE
if(any(x < 0)) print("x contains negative numbers");</pre>
## [1] "x contains negative numbers"
if(any(x < 0))
  {print("x contains negative numbers");
  print(x[which(x<0)]);</pre>
#which() function returns the positions of the elements
}
```

## [1] -3 -6

## [1] "x contains negative numbers"

• The conditional if ... else statement is used to test an expression similar to the if statement. However, if the test\_expression is FALSE, the else part of the function will be evaluated. The syntax is

```
if (test_expression) {
         statement 1;
} else {
         statement 2;
}
```

```
x = c(8, -3, 2, -6);
if(any(x < 0))
  {print("x contains negative numbers");
  print(x[which(x<0)]);</pre>
} else
{print("x contains all positive numbers")}
## [1] "x contains negative numbers"
## [1] -3 -6
x = c(8, 3, 2, 6);
if(any(x < 0))
  {print("x contains negative numbers");
  print(x[which(x<0)]);</pre>
} else
{print("x contains all positive numbers")}
## [1] "x contains all positive numbers"
```

• We can also nest as many if...else statements as required (or desired).

```
k = 21;
if(k > 20){
  print("The number is greater than 20");
} else if (k < 20){
  print("The number is less than 20");
} else {
  print ("The number is equal to 20");
}</pre>
```

## [1] "The number is greater than 20"

• ifelse() function is a shorthand function to the traditional if...else statement. The syntax is

```
ifelse(test_expression, x, y)
```

- The test\_expression must be a logical vector (or an object that can be coerced to logical).
- This returned vector has element from x if test\_expression is TRUE or from y if test\_expression is FALSE.

```
x = c(9,4,0,-4,-9);
sqrt(x); #it gives warning

## Warning in sqrt(x): NaNs produced

## [1] 3 2 0 NaN NaN

sqrt(ifelse(x >= 0, x, NA)) # no warning
```

## [1] 3 2 0 NA NA

### R loops: for loop

- Loops are used in programming to repeat a specific block of code.
- Only the for loop will be used for all examples in this summer institute.
- The for loop is used to execute repetitive code statements for a particular number of times. The syntax is

```
for (val in sequence)
{
    statements;
}
for(i in 1:5)
{
    print(i);
}
## [1] 1
```

```
## [1] 1
## [1] 2
## [1] 3
```

## R loops: while loop

- We skip the other loops in the following. Read them after the summer institute.
- While loops begin by testing a condition. If it is TRUE, then they execute the statement. Once the statement is executed, the condition is tested again, and so forth, until the condition is FALSE, after which the loop exits.
- The syntax is

[1] "i is 0" [1] "i is 1"

# R loops: repeat loop

- A repeat loop is used to iterate over a block of code multiple number of times. There is test expression in a repeat loop to end or exit the loop. Rather, we must put a condition statement explicitly inside the body of the loop and use the break function to exit the loop. Failing to do so will result into an infinite loop.
- The syntax is

```
counter = 1;
repeat {
          statements;
          if(test_expression){
                break;
          }
          counter = counter + 1;
}
```

# R loops: repeat loop

```
x = 1;
repeat {
print(x);
x = x+1;
if (x == 6){
break;
## [1] 1
## [1] 2
```

- ## [1] 5

## R loops: break and next

A break statement is used inside a loop (repeat, for, while) to stop the
iterations and flow the control outside of the loop. It is used to exit a loop
immediately if the test\_expression is TRUE.

```
if (test_expression) {break;}
for (i in 1:100) {
   if (i == 4) {
      break;
   }
   print(i);
}
```

## R loops: break and next

• A next statement is useful when we want to skip the current iteration of a loop without terminating it. On encountering next, the R parser skips further evaluation and starts **next iteration** of the loop. The syntax is

```
if (test_condition) {next;}
for (i in 1:5) {
   if (i == 3){
        next;
   }
   print(i);
}
```

```
## [1] 1
## [1] 2
## [1] 4
## [1] 5
```

- A function is a set of statements organized together to perform a specific task.
- Functions are used to logically break our code into simpler parts which become easy to maintain and understand.
- R has a large number of in-built functions.

```
x = 1:50;
x;
           2 3 4 5 6
                             8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19
                         7
   [24] 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43
   [47] 47 48 49 50
sum(x); #Find the sum of the numbers
## [1] 1275
mean(x); #Find the average of the numbers
```

## [1] 25.5

 One of the great strengths of R is the user's ability to add functions.user can create their own functions. In fact, many of the functions in R are actually functions of functions. The structure of a function is

```
myfunction <- function(arg1, arg2, ...)
{
statements;
return(object);
}</pre>
```

- Function Name (myfunction): This is the actual name of the function. It is stored in R environment as an object with this name.
- Arguments (arg1, arg2, ...): An argument is a placeholder. When a function is invoked, you pass a value to the argument. Arguments are optional; that is, a function may contain no arguments. Also arguments can have default values.
- Function Body (statements): The function body contains a collection of statements that defines what the function does.
- Return Value (return(object)): The return value of a function is the last expression in the function body to be evaluated.

```
# sum of the first n integers
summ<-function(n)
{
a=0;
for(i in 1:n)
{a=a+i;}
return(a);
}
summ(10)
## [1] 55</pre>
```

```
# power of a vector or matrix
getPower<-function(x ,power)</pre>
   out <-x^power;
   return(out);
}
getPower(x=3,power=2);
## [1] 9
getPower(x=c(1,2,3),power=2);
## [1] 1 4 9
```

# **Data manipulation: Sorting**

- We have discussed several data manipulation methods.
- To sort a data frame in R, use the order() function. By default, sorting is ASCENDING.

```
setwd("F:/DataCamp/Day1");
quiz = read.csv("F:/DataCamp/data/quiz2.csv",header=TRUE, sep=",");
attach(quiz); #database is searched by R when evaluating a
#variable, no need to use
#detach it when it is not in use
quiz1 = quiz[order(Q1),]; #sort by Q1
head(quiz1);
### ID 01 02 03 04 05 06
```

```
## ID Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q5 Q6

## 4 4 6 5 9 8.0 5 NA

## 12 12 6 8 5 8.0 10 8

## 29 29 6 9 4 5.0 9 0

## 38 38 6 9 10 9.5 9 8

## 1 1 8 9 10 9.5 10 8

## 2 2 8 8 8 10.0 9 8
```

# **Data manipulation: Sorting**

```
quiz2 = quiz[order(Q1,Q2),]; # sort by Q1 and Q2
head(quiz2);
     ID Q1
           Q2 Q3
                   Q4
                     Q5
                        Q6
            5
                       5 NA
               9
                  8.0
         6 8 5 8.0 10
   12 12
  29 29
            9 4
                 5.0
  38 38
            9 10
                 9.5
                      9 8
  36 36 8
            7 5 8.0 5 0
```

8

8 10.0

9

# **Data manipulation: Sorting**

```
quiz3 = quiz[order(Q1, -Q2),];
# sort by Q1 (ascending) and Q2 (descending)
head(quiz3);
     ID Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q5 Q6
##
## 29 29
           9 4 5.0 9
## 38 38 6 9 10 9.5 9 8
## 12 12 6 8 5 8.0 10
## 4 4 6 5 9 8.0 5 NA
## 10 10 8 10 10 4.0 10 7
         8 9 10 9.5 10
detach(quiz);
```

# Data manipulation: Merging

To merge two data frames horizontally(adding columns), use the merge() function. You join two data frames by one or more common key variables.

```
exam = read.csv("F:/DataCamp/data/exam.csv",header=TRUE, sep=",");
grade=merge(quiz,exam,by="ID");
head(grade);
```

```
ID Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q5 Q6
                             T1
                                       Т3
##
                9.5 10
                         8 21.5 16.5 23.5
           9 10
           8 8 10.0
                         8 21.0 16.0 20.0
## 2
                      9
     3 10
          7 10 10.0 10
                         8 30.5 31.0 30.0
     4 6
          5 9 8.0
                      5 NA 23.0 18.5 25.5
## 5
     5 10
          6 8 6.0 NA NA 25.5 13.5
                                       NΑ
## 6
     6 NA
           9 10 10.0 10 NA 27.5 27.0 35.5
```

- The function complete.cases() checks which observations/rows have no missing values.
- The subset( ) function is the easiest way to select variables and observations.

```
grade0 = grade[complete.cases(grade), ]; #Keep the complete rows only
#Or use the suset() function
grade0=subset(grade, complete.cases(grade) == T);
str(grade0); dim(grade0);
   'data.frame': 32 obs. of 10 variables:
   $ ID: int 1 2 3 7 8 9 10 12 13 14 ...
##
##
   $ Q1: int 8 8 10 10 10 10 8 6 10 10 ...
   $ Q2: int 9 8 7 5 10 10 10 8 10 10 ...
##
   $ Q3: int 10 8 10 9 10 6 10 5 8 10 ...
##
   $ Q4: num
              9.5 10 10 8 9 7 4 8 10 10 ...
##
   $ Q5: int 10 9 10 10 10 8 10 10 10 9 ...
##
##
   $ Q6: int
              8 8 8 7 7 10 7 8 9 8 ...
   $ T1: num
              21.5 21 30.5 25.5 27.5 26 24.5 24 26.5 26 ...
##
   $ T2: num
               16.5 16 31 16 18.5 20.5 27.5 19 25.5 27 ...
##
##
    $ T3: num
               23.5 20 30 21.5 36 33 32.5 31.5 26.5 36.5 ...
```

- The function is.na() indicates which elements are missing.
- For example, we replace all missing values in the data set "grade" by 0.

```
grade[is.na(grade)] = 0;
head(grade); dim(grade);
          Q2 Q3
                   Q4 Q5
                         Q6
                              T1
                                        T3
     ID Q1
        8
           9 10
                  9.5 10
                          8 21.5 16.5 23.5
##
     2 8
           8
              8 10.0
                       9
                          8 21.0 16.0 20.0
##
## 3
     3 10
           7 10 10.0 10
                          8 30.5 31.0 30.0
## 4
     4 6
           5
             9
                 8.0 5
                          0 23.0 18.5 25.5
## 5
     5 10
           6 8
                  6.0
                          0 25.5 13.5 0.0
           9 10 10.0 10
                          0 27.5 27.0 35.5
##
  6
        0
```

## **[1]** 40 10

• Selecting (keeping) variables.

```
keep=c("Q1","Q2","T1","T2"); #Keep these 4 variables only
grade1= subset(grade, select=keep);
str(grade1);

## 'data.frame': 40 obs. of 4 variables:
## $ Q1: num 8 8 10 6 10 0 10 10 10 8 ...
## $ Q2: num 9 8 7 5 6 9 5 10 10 10 ...
## $ T1: num 21.5 21 30.5 23 25.5 27.5 25.5 27.5 26 24.5 ...
```

\$ T2: num 16.5 16 31 18.5 13.5 27 16 18.5 20.5 27.5 ...

##

• Excluding (dropping) variables.

```
grade2= subset(grade, select=-c(Q4,Q5,Q6,T3));
 #drop these 4 variables
str(grade2);
   'data.frame': 40 obs. of 6 variables:
   $ ID: int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
##
   $ Q1: num 8 8 10 6 10 0 10 10 10 8 ...
##
   $ Q2: num 9 8 7 5 6 9 5 10 10 10 ...
##
##
   $ Q3: num 10 8 10 9 8 10 9 10 6 10 ...
   $ T1: num
              21.5 21 30.5 23 25.5 27.5 25.5 27.5 26 24.5 ...
##
   $ T2: num 16.5 16 31 18.5 13.5 27 16 18.5 20.5 27.5 ...
##
```

Selecting observations.

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```
grade3 = grade[1:5,]; # first 5 observations
grade3
     ID Q1
          Q2 Q3
                Q4 Q5 Q6
                             T1
                                T2
                                       T3
##
## 1
           9 10
                 9.5 10
                         8 21.5 16.5 23.5
## 2
     2 8
           8
              8 10.0
                      9
                         8 21.0 16.0 20.0
             10 10.0 10
## 3
     3 10
           7
                         8 30.5 31.0 30.0
## 4
     4 6
           5
             9
                8.0 5 0 23.0 18.5 25.5
## 5
     5 10
              8
                 6.0
                      0
                         0 25.5 13.5 0.0
grade4 = subset(grade, grade$ID >= 31);
# based on variable values
grade4
##
                                   T2
```

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```
ID Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q5 Q6 T1
  31 31 10 10 10
                  7.0
                       6 0 31.5 30.5 34.0
  32 32 10 10 10 10.0
                       9 9 24.0 31.5 35.5
## 33 33 10
               8
                  6.0
                       9 7 29.0 25.0 25.0
           8
                       8
                         9 28.0 16.0 30.0
  34 34 10 10
               6
                  8.0
```

## Data manipulation: Adding variables

• We can add new variables to a dataframe.

```
grade[ , c("Total", "Final")] = NA;
# add two more variables with values missing
str(grade);
   'data.frame':
                40 obs. of 12 variables:
##
   $ TD
##
           : int
                1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
   $ 01
                  8 8 10 6 10 0 10 10 10 8 ...
##
           : num
                  9 8 7 5 6 9 5 10 10 10 ...
##
   $ 02
           : num
   $ 03
                  10 8 10 9 8 10 9 10 6 10 ...
##
           : niim
##
   $ 04
                  9.5 10 10 8 6 10 8 9 7 4 ...
           : nim
   $ Q5
                  10 9 10 5 0 10 10 10 8 10 ...
##
           : num
                  8 8 8 0 0 0 7 7 10 7 ...
##
   $ Q6
           : num
##
   $ T1
           : num
                  21.5 21 30.5 23 25.5 27.5 25.5 27.5 26 24.5 ...
##
   $ T2
                  16.5 16 31 18.5 13.5 27 16 18.5 20.5 27.5 ...
           : num
##
   $ T3
           : num 23.5 20 30 25.5 0 35.5 21.5 36 33 32.5 ...
##
   $ Total: logi NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
##
    $ Final: logi NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
```

# Data manipulation: Adding variables

```
grade$Letter = NA;
# add one more variable with values missing
str(grade);
   'data.frame': 40 obs. of 13 variables:
##
   $ ID
                   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
##
            : int
   $ 01
                   8 8 10 6 10 0 10 10 10 8 ...
##
            : num
   $ Q2
                   9 8 7 5 6 9 5 10 10 10 ...
##
            : num
##
   $ Q3
            : niim
                   10 8 10 9 8 10 9 10 6 10 ...
   $ Q4
                   9.5 10 10 8 6 10 8 9 7 4 ...
##
            : num
   $ Q5
                   10 9 10 5 0 10 10 10 8 10 ...
##
            : niim
   $ Q6
                   88800077107...
##
            : niim
   $ T1
                   21.5 21 30.5 23 25.5 27.5 25.5 27.5 26 24.5 ...
##
            : num
##
   $ T2
                   16.5 16 31 18.5 13.5 27 16 18.5 20.5 27.5 ...
            : niim
##
   $ T3
                   23.5 20 30 25.5 0 35.5 21.5 36 33 32.5 ...
            : num
##
   $ Total : logi NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
##
   $ Final : logi NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
##
    $ Letter: logi NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
```

## Data manipulation: Data type conversion

- Use is.Type() to test for data Type.
- Use as. Type to explicitly convert it.

```
is.numeric(), as.numeric()
is.character(), as.character()
is.vector(), as.vector()
is.matrix(), as.matrix()
is.data.frame(), as.data.frame()
mtcars1=mtcars:
mtcars1$cyl=as.factor(mtcars1$cyl);
str(mtcars1);
   'data.frame': 32 obs. of 11 variables:
##
   $ mpg : num 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
##
   $ cyl : Factor w/ 3 levels "4", "6", "8": 2 2 1 2 3 2 3 1 1 2 ...
##
   $ disp: num 160 160 108 258 360 ...
##
##
   $ hp : num 110 110 93 110 175 105 245 62 95 123 ...
   $ drat: num 3.9 3.9 3.85 3.08 3.15 2.76 3.21 3.69 3.92 3.92 ...
##
##
    $ wt : num 2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
    $ qsec: num
                 16.5 17 18.6 19.4 17 ...
```

### Data manipulation: Aggregating Data

3 0.0000000 0.1428571 3.285714 3.500000

- aggregate() function splits the data into subsets, computes summary statistics for each, and returns the result in a convenient form.
- The by variables must be in a list (even if there is only one).

```
# for numeric variables only
# aggregate data frame mtcars by cyl
# returning means

attach(mtcars);
aggdata =aggregate(mtcars, by=list(cyl),FUN=mean, na.rm=TRUE);
print(aggdata);
```

```
##
    Group.1 mpg cyl disp
                                      hp drat
## 1
         4 26.66364 4 105.1364 82.63636 4.070909 2.285727 19.13
         6 19.74286 6 183.3143 122.28571 3.585714 3.117143 17.9
## 2
## 3
         8 15.10000 8 353.1000 209.21429 3.229286 3.999214 16.7
##
                          gear
                                  carb
           VS
                    am
## 1 0.9090909 0.7272727 4.090909 1.545455
## 2 0.5714286 0.4285714 3.857143 3.428571
```

#### **Questions?**

