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You are a tutor for an entry-level programming course at a university.

Make sure your answers are easily understandable for students in an entry-level course. Therefore explain all concepts that are used.

Please provide a solution for the following problem in the R language.

Given an integer  $N$ , find the number of divisors of  $N$  that are divisible by 3.

To solve the problem of finding the number of divisors of an integer  $N$  that are divisible by 3, we need to break down the problem step by step. Let's walk through the solution in a way that is easy to understand for someone who is new to programming.

### Step 1: Understanding Divisors

A divisor of a number  $N$  is any integer that divides  $N$  without leaving a remainder. For example, the divisors of 12 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12.

### Step 2: Filtering Divisors Divisible by 3

Once we know the divisors of  $N$ , we need to find which of these divisors are also divisible by 3.

### Step 3: Counting Those Divisors

After identifying the divisors of  $N$  that are divisible by 3, we just need to count them.

### Step 4: Writing the Code in R

Let's write the R code that performs these steps.

```
# Function to count the number of divisors of N that are divisible by 3
count_divisors_divisible_by_3 <- function(N) {
  # Initialize a counter for the divisors that are divisible by 3
  count <- 0

  # Loop through all possible divisors from 1 to N
  for (i in 1:N) {
    # Check if i is a divisor of N
    if (N %% i == 0) {
      # Check if this divisor is also divisible by 3
      if (i %% 3 == 0) {
        # If it is, increment the counter
        count <- count + 1
      }
    }
  }

  # Return the count of divisors divisible by 3
  return(count)
}

# Example usage
N <- 12
result <- count_divisors_divisible_by_3(N)
print(result) # This will print the number of divisors of 12 that are divisible by 3
```

### Explanation of the Code:

- count\_divisors\_divisible\_by\_3 function:** This function takes an integer  $N$  as input and returns the number of its divisors that are divisible by 3.
- count variable:** We initialize a counter ("count") to zero. This counter will keep track of how many divisors of  $N$  are divisible by 3.
- for loop:** We use a loop to check every integer  $i$  from 1 to  $N$ .
- Checking for divisors:** Inside the loop, we check if  $i$  is a divisor of  $N$  by using the modulus operator ("%%"). The condition " $N \% i == 0$ " checks if  $N$  divided by  $i$  leaves no remainder, meaning  $i$  is a divisor.
- Checking for divisibility by 3:** If  $i$  is a divisor, we then check if it is divisible by 3 using the condition " $i \% 3 == 0$ ".
- Counting valid divisors:** If both conditions are met, we increment our "count".
- Returning the result:** After the loop finishes, the function returns the total count of divisors of  $N$  that are divisible by 3.

### Example:

For  $N = 12$ , the divisors are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12. Among these, 3, 6, and 12 are divisible by 3. Therefore, the function would return 3.

This approach ensures that you find and count the correct divisors that satisfy the condition, and it's written in a way that's easy to follow for beginners.



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