### **Copilot**

Sure! Here's a string manipulation exercise for you to practice in R:

# Task: String Manipulation in R

**Objective:** Write a function in R that takes a character vector as input and performs the following operations:

- 1. **Convert to Lowercase:** Convert all the characters in the vector to lowercase.
- 2. Remove Punctuation: Remove any punctuation marks from the strings.
- 3. **Replace Spaces with Underscores:** Replace all spaces in the strings with underscores.
- 4. **Count Vowels:** Count the number of vowels (a, e, i, o, u) in each string and return this count as a separate vector.

### **Example Input:**

```
c("Hello, World!", "R Programming is fun.", "Let's practice string manipulation!")
```

## **Expected Output:**

```
1. \ c("hello, world!", "r programming is fun.", "let's practice string manipulation!") \\ 2. \ c("hello world", "r programming is fun", "lets practice string manipulation") \\ 3. \ c("hello_world", "r_programming_is_fun", "lets_practice_string_manipulation") \\ 4. \ c(3, 6, 10)
```

#### **Instructions:**

- Create a function called string\_manipulation that takes a character vector as input.
- Implement the four operations mentioned above within the function.
- Return a list containing the modified strings and the vowel counts.

Good luck with your practice! If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to ask.