1. Define an m x n matrix of zeros and then enters a nested-for loop to fill the locations of the matrix, only if the two indexes differ.

- The purpose is to create a lower triangular matrix, that is a matrix whose elements below the main diagonal are non-zero, the others are left untouched to their initialized zero value.
- When the indexes are equal (if condition in the inner loop, which runs over j, the column index), a break is executed and the innermost loop is interrupted with a direct jump to the instruction following the inner loop, which is a print; then control gets to the outer for condition (over the rows, index i), which is evaluated again.
- If the indexes differ, the assignment is performed and the counter is incremented by 1.
- At the end, the program prints the counter ctr, which contains the #number of elements that were assigned.

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m = 10;
n = 10;
ctr = 0;
x_mat = matrix(0,m,n)
x_mat
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   [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10]
 [1,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [2,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [3,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [4,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [5,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [6,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [7,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [8,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [9,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
[10,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
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for(i in 1:m){
 for(j in 1:n){
  if(i == j){
   break;
  }else{
   x_mat[i,j] = i+j
   ctr = ctr+1
  }
 }
 print(i+j)
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[1] 2
[1] 4
[1] 6
[1] 8
[1] 10
[1] 12
[1] 14
[1] 16
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[1] 18
[1] 20
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}
print(ctr)
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[1] 45
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x_mat
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      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10]
 [1,]    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [2,]    3    0    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [3,]    4    5    0    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [4,]    5    6    7    0    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [5,]    6    7    8    9    0    0    0    0    0     0
 [6,]    7    8    9   10   11    0    0    0    0     0
 [7,]    8    9   10   11   12   13    0    0    0     0
 [8,]    9   10   11   12   13   14   15    0    0     0
 [9,]   10   11   12   13   14   15   16   17    0     0
[10,]   11   12   13   14   15   16   17   18   19     0
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