Lab9

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Learning Objectives

- Introduction to the R package "testthat"
- Write simple functions and their unit tests
- Test your code
- String manipulation
- Base R functions for strings

The purpose of this lab is two-fold: 1) getting started with writing tests for your functions, and 2) getting started with functions to do basic manipulation of strings.

R package "testthat"

"testthat" is one of the packages in R that helps you write tests for your functions. First, remember to install the package:

```
# do not include this code in your Rmd
# execute this in your console
install.packages("testthat")
```

- "testthat" provides a testing framework for R that is easy to learn and use
- "testthat" has a hierarchical structure made up of:
 - expectations
 - tests
 - contexts
- A context involves tests formed by groups of expectations
- Each structure has associated functions:
 - expect_that() for expectations
 - test_that() for groups of tests
 - context() for contexts

```
# load testthat
library(testthat)
```

List of common expectation functions

Function	Description
<pre>expect_true(x) expect_false(x)</pre>	expects that x is TRUE expects that x is FALSE

Function	Description
expect_null(x)	expects that x is NULL
<pre>expect_type(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is of type y
<pre>expect_is(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is of class y
<pre>expect_length(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is of length y
<pre>expect_equal(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is equal to y
<pre>expect_equivalent(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is equivalent to y
<pre>expect_identical(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is identical to y
<pre>expect_lt(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is less than y
<pre>expect_gt(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is greater than y
<pre>expect_lte(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is less than or equal to y
<pre>expect_gte(x, y)</pre>	expects that x is greater than or equal y
<pre>expect_named(x)</pre>	expects that x has names y
<pre>expect_matches(x, y)</pre>	expects that x matches y (regex)
<pre>expect_message(x, y)</pre>	expects that x gives message y
<pre>expect_warning(x, y)</pre>	expects that x gives warning y
<pre>expect_error(x, y)</pre>	expects that x throws error y

Practice writing simple tests

- To start the practice, create a new directory, e.g. lab09
- cd to lab09
- Create an R script to write and document your functions: e.g. functions.R
- Create a separate R script tests.R to write the tests of your functions.

Example with stat_range()

Let's start with a basic function stat_range() to compute the overall range of a numeric vector. Create this function in the file functions.R.

```
#' Otitle Range
#' Odescription Computes overall range: max - min
#' Oparam x numeric vector
#' Oreturn computed range
stat_range <- function(x) {
   max(x) - min(x)
}</pre>
```

- description: computes the range of a numeric vector (i.e. max min)
- input: a numeric vector
- *output:* the range value (max min)

Tests for stat_range()

To write the unit tests in tests.R, we are going to consider the following testing vectors:

```
x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)</li>
y <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, NA)</li>
z <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)</li>
w <- letters[1:5]</li>
```

The typical structure of the tests has the following form:

```
# load the source code of the functions to be tested
source("functions.R")

# context with one test that groups expectations
context("Test for range value")

test_that("range works as expected", {
    x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

    expect_equal(stat_range(x), 4)
    expect_length(stat_range(x), 1)
    expect_type(stat_range(x), 'double')
})</pre>
```

- use context() to describe what the test are about
- use test_that() to group expectations:
 - output equal to 4
 - output of length one
 - output of type double
- to run the tests from the R console, use the function test_file() by passing the path of the file tests.R

```
# assuming that your working directory is "lab09/"
library(testthat)
test_file("tests.R")
```

```
## \sqrt{\ } OK F W S | Context
##
/ | 0
             | Test for range value
- I 1
             | Test for range value
\ | 2
             | Test for range value
| | 3
             | Test for range value
             | Test for range value
/ | 4
- | 5
             | Test for range value
\ | 6
             | Test for range value
| | 7
             | Test for range value
/ I 8
             | Test for range value
- | 9
             | Test for range value
√ | 9
             | Test for range value [0.1 s]
```

```
##
/ |
    0
             | Test for center values
    1
             | Test for center values
\ I
    2
             | Test for center values
    3
             | Test for center values
I I
√I
             | Test for center values
##
/ |
    0
             | Test for spread values
- |
             | Test for spread values
    1
             | Test for spread values
\ I
√ |
             | Test for spread values
##
## == Results ========
## Duration: 0.2 s
##
## OK:
             14
## Failed:
## Warnings: 0
## Skipped:
```

You could actually include a code chunk in your Rmd with the code above.

Your Turn

Write more groups of tests—test_that()—to test stat_range() with the rest of the testing vectors y, z, w:

- Using y, write expectations for:
 - output is of length one
 - output is equal to NA_real_

```
test_that("range value for numeric vectors with NAs", {
  y <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, NA)

expect_length(stat_range(y), 1)
  expect_equal(stat_range(y), NA_real_)
})</pre>
```

- Using **z**, write expectations for:
 - output is of length one
 - output is of type integer
 - output is equal to 1L

```
test_that("range value for logical vectors", {
  z <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)

expect_length(stat_range(z), 1)
  expect_type(stat_range(z), "integer")
  expect_equal(stat_range(z), 1L)</pre>
```

})

• Using w, write expectations for:

```
- throws an error
```

```
test_that("range value for non-numeric vectors", {
  w <- letters[1:5]

  expect_error(stat_range(z))
})</pre>
```

Try writing the following functions and come up with unit tests:

- stat_centers()
 - description: computes measures of center such as Median and Mean
 - input: a numeric vector
 - output: a numeric vector with median and mean
 - use mean() and median() to write stat_centers()

```
#' Otitle Centers measures
#' Odescription Computes measures of center such as Median and Mean
#' Oparam x numeric vector
#' Oreturn a numeric vector with median and mean
stat_centers <- function(x) {
    y <- c(0, 0)
    y[1] <- median(x)
    y[2] <- mean(x)
    names(y) <- c("Median", "Mean")
    return(y)
}</pre>
```

```
context("Test for center values")

test_that("centers works as expected", {
  x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

  expect_equal(stat_centers(x), c("Median" = 3, "Mean" = 3))
  expect_length(stat_centers(x), 2)
  expect_type(stat_centers(x), 'double')
})</pre>
```

- stat_spreads()
 - description: computes measures of spread such as Range, IQR, Standard Deviation
 - input: a numeric vector
 - output: a numeric vector with range, iqr, and stdev
 - use stat_range(), IQR(), and sd() to write stat_spreads()

```
#' @title Spread measures
#' @description Computes measures of spread: range, IQR, and SD
#' @param x numeric vector
#' @return vector with range, iqr, and stdev
```

Basics of String Manipulation

In this second part of the lab, you will be using the row names of the data frame USArrests (this data comes already in R):

```
head(USArrests)
##
               Murder Assault UrbanPop Rape
                                     58 21.2
## Alabama
                 13.2
                           236
                                     48 44.5
## Alaska
                 10.0
                           263
## Arizona
                  8.1
                           294
                                     80 31.0
## Arkansas
                  8.8
                           190
                                     50 19.5
## California
                  9.0
                          276
                                     91 40.6
## Colorado
                  7.9
                                     78 38.7
                          204
states <- rownames(USArrests)</pre>
head(states)
```

"Arkansas"

"California"

"Arizona"

Here are some functions that you may need to use in this lab:

"Alaska"

- nchar()
- tolower()

[1] "Alabama"

[6] "Colorado"

- toupper()
- casefold()
- paste()

- paste0()
- substr()

Number of characters

nchar() allows you to count the number of characters in a string. Use it on states to get the number of characters of each state:

```
# number of characters
nchar(states)

## [1] 7 6 7 8 10 8 11 8 7 7 6 5 8 7 4 6 8 9 5 8 13 8 9
## [24] 11 8 7 8 6 13 10 10 8 14 12 4 8 6 12 12 14 12 9 5 4 7 8
## [47] 10 13 9 7
```

Case folding

There are 3 functions to do case-folding: tolower(), toupper(), and casefold(). Apply each function on states to see what happens:

```
# to lower case
head(
  tolower(states)
)
## [1] "alabama"
                                  "arizona"
                                                "arkansas"
                     "alaska"
                                                              "california"
## [6] "colorado"
# to upper case
head(
  toupper(states)
)
## [1] "ALABAMA"
                     "ALASKA"
                                  "ARIZONA"
                                                "ARKANSAS"
                                                              "CALIFORNIA"
## [6] "COLORADO"
# case folding (upper = TRUE)
head(
  casefold(states, upper = T)
## [1] "ALABAMA"
                     "ALASKA"
                                  "ARIZONA"
                                                "ARKANSAS"
                                                              "CALIFORNIA"
## [6] "COLORADO"
# case folding (upper = FALSE)
head(
  casefold(states, upper = F)
)
## [1] "alabama"
                     "alaska"
                                  "arizona"
                                                              "california"
                                                "arkansas"
## [6] "colorado"
```

Length of State Names

We just saw how to use nchar() to count the number of characters in each state name:

```
# number of charcaters
num_chars <- nchar(states)</pre>
```

Use the vector num_chars to obtain a frequency table called char_freqs, and then plot the frequencies with a bar chart:

```
quencies with a bar chart:
# frequency table
char_freqs <- table(num_chars)</pre>
char_freqs
## num_chars
          6
      5
             7
                8
                   9 10 11 12 13 14
   3 3
         5
            8 12 4 4
                          2 4
# barchart of number-of-characters
barplot(char_freqs, las = 1, border = NA)
12
10
 8
 6
 4
 2
```

Pasting strings

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R provides the paste() function. This function allows you to paste (i.e. append, concatenate) character vectors separated by a blank space:

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```
paste('Pumpkin', 'Pie')

## [1] "Pumpkin Pie"

You can give it any number of vector inputs

paste('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e')
```

```
## [1] "a b c d e"
You can change the separator with sep
paste('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', sep = '-')
## [1] "a-b-c-d-e"
paste() is vectorized:
paste('a', 1:5, sep = '.')
## [1] "a.1" "a.2" "a.3" "a.4" "a.5"
There's a special wrapper around paste() called paste0() which is equivalent to paste(..., sep
= "")
# pasteO() -vs- paste(..., sep = "")
paste0('Pumpkin', 'Pie')
## [1] "PumpkinPie"
paste('Pumpkin', 'Pie', sep = '')
## [1] "PumpkinPie"
# pasteO() is also vectorized
paste0('a', 1:5)
## [1] "a1" "a2" "a3" "a4" "a5"
Your Turn: Use paste() to form a new vector with the first five states and their number of
characters like this:
"Alabama = 7" "Alaska = 6" "Arizona = 7" "Arkansas = 8" "California = 10"
# paste names with their num-of-chars
paste(states[1:5], "=", num_chars[1:5])
## [1] "Alabama = 7"
                          "Alaska = 6"
                                             "Arizona = 7"
                                                                 "Arkansas = 8"
## [5] "California = 10"
Now use paste()'s argument collapse = '' to collapse the first five states like this:
"AlabamaAlaskaArizonaArkansasCalifornia"
# collapse first 5 states
paste(states[1:5], collapse = '')
```

[1] "AlabamaAlaskaArizonaArkansasCalifornia"

Substrings

R provieds the function substr() to extract substrings in a character vector:

```
# extract first 3 characters
substr('Berkeley', 1, 3)
```

[1] "Ber"

Use substr() to shorten the state names using the first 3-letters:

```
# shorten state names with first 3 characters
substr(states, 1, 3)
```

```
## [1] "Ala" "Ala" "Ari" "Ark" "Cal" "Col" "Con" "Del" "Flo" "Geo" "Haw" ## [12] "Ida" "Ill" "Ind" "Iow" "Kan" "Ken" "Lou" "Mai" "Mar" "Mas" "Mic" ## [23] "Min" "Mis" "Mis" "Mon" "Neb" "Nev" "New" "New" "New" "New" "New" "Nor" ## [34] "Nor" "Ohi" "Okl" "Ore" "Pen" "Rho" "Sou" "Sou" "Ten" "Tex" "Uta" ## [45] "Ver" "Vir" "Was" "Wes" "Wis" "Wyo"
```

Use substr() to shorten the state names using the last 3-letters:

```
# shorten state names with last 3 characters
substr(states, num_chars - 2, num_chars)
```

```
## [1] "ama" "ska" "ona" "sas" "nia" "ado" "cut" "are" "ida" "gia" "aii" ## [12] "aho" "ois" "ana" "owa" "sas" "cky" "ana" "ine" "and" "tts" "gan" ## [23] "ota" "ppi" "uri" "ana" "ska" "ada" "ire" "sey" "ico" "ork" "ina" ## [34] "ota" "hio" "oma" "gon" "nia" "and" "ina" "ota" "see" "xas" "tah" ## [45] "ont" "nia" "ton" "nia" "sin" "ing"
```

How would you shorten the state names using the first letter and the last 3-letters? For instance: "Aama" "Aska" "Aona" "Asas" etc.

```
## [1] "Aama" "Aska" "Aona" "Asas" "Cnia" "Cado" "Ccut" "Dare" "Fida" "Ggia" ## [11] "Haii" "Iaho" "Iois" "Iana" "Iowa" "Ksas" "Kcky" "Lana" "Mine" "Mand" ## [21] "Mtts" "Mgan" "Mota" "Mppi" "Muri" "Mana" "Nska" "Nada" "Nire" "Nsey" ## [31] "Nico" "Nork" "Nina" "Nota" "Ohio" "Ooma" "Ogon" "Pnia" "Rand" "Sina" ## [41] "Sota" "Tsee" "Txas" "Utah" "Vont" "Vnia" "Wton" "Wnia" "Wsin" "Wing"
```

Challenge

We already obtained a frequency table char_freqs with the counts of state names by number of characters. You can use those frequencies to get those state-names with 4-characters or 10-characters:

```
# 4-char states
states[num_chars == 4]
```

```
## [1] "Iowa" "Ohio" "Utah"
```

```
# 10-char states
states[num_chars == 10]
```

```
## [1] "California" "New Jersey" "New Mexico" "Washington"
```

You can use paste() to join the 4-character states in one single string (i.e. collapsing) like this—separated by a comma and space—:

```
# collapse 4-char states
paste(states[num_chars == 4], collapse = ", ")
```

```
## [1] "Iowa, Ohio, Utah"
```

Here's one challenge for you: write code (using a for-loop) to obtain a list states_list containing the collapsed names by number of characters. If the number of characters is an even number, then the state names should be in capital letters. Otherwise, they should be in lower case letters.

Each list element of states_list must be named with the number of characters, followed by a dash, followed by the word chars: e.g. '4-chars', '5-chars', etc. In total, states_list should have the same length as char_freqs.

Here's what states_list should look like for the first three elements:

```
$`4-chars`
[1] "IOWA, OHIO, UTAH"
$`5-chars`
[1] "idaho, maine, texas"
$`6-chars`
[1] "ALASKA, HAWAII, KANSAS, NEVADA, OREGON"
char_freqs <- table(num_chars)</pre>
char_classes <- as.numeric(names(char_freqs))</pre>
states_list <- vector("list", length(char_classes))</pre>
char_classes
## [1] 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
states_list
## [[1]]
## NULL
##
## [[2]]
## NULL
##
## [[3]]
## NULL
##
## [[4]]
```

```
## NULL
##
## [[5]]
## NULL
##
## [[6]]
## NULL
##
## [[7]]
## NULL
##
## [[8]]
## NULL
##
## [[9]]
## NULL
##
## [[10]]
## NULL
##
## [[11]]
## NULL
for (i in 1:length(char_freqs)) {
  collapsed <- pasteO(states[num_chars == char_classes[i]], collapse = ", ")</pre>
  if (char_classes[i] %% 2 == 0) {
    states_list[[i]] <- toupper(collapsed)</pre>
  } else {
    states_list[[i]] <- tolower(collapsed)</pre>
  }
}
names(states_list) <- paste0(char_classes, "-chars")</pre>
```

Converting from Fahrenheit Degrees

Here are four functions that convert from Fahrenheit degrees to other temperature scales:

```
to_celsius <- function(x = 1) {
   (x - 32) * (5/9)
}

to_kelvin <- function(x = 1) {
   (x + 459.67) * (5/9)
}</pre>
```

```
to_reaumur <- function(x = 1) {
   (x - 32) * (4/9)
}

to_rankine <- function(x = 1) {
   x + 459.67
}</pre>
```

We can use the previous functions to create a more general function temp_convert():

```
## [1] -1.111111
```

temp_convert() works fine when the argument to = 'celsius'. But what happens if you try
temp_convert(30, 'Celsius') or temp_convert(30, 'CELSIUS')?

Your turn. Rewrite temp_convert() such that the argument to can be given in upper or lower case letters. For instance, the following three calls should be equivalent:

Names of files

Imagine that you need to generate the names of 10 data .csv files. All the files have the same prefix name but each of them has a different number: file1.csv, file2.csv, ..., file10.csv.

How can you generate a character vector with these names in R? Come up with at least three

different ways to get such a vector:

```
# vector of file names
paste0("file", 1:10, ".csv")
paste("file", 1:10, ".csv", sep = "")
sprintf("file%s.csv", 1:10)
```

Now imagine that you need to rename the characters file into dataset. In other words, you want the vector of file names to look like this: dataset1.csv, dataset2.csv, ..., dataset10.csv. Take the previous vector of file names and rename its elements:

```
# rename vector of file names
files <- sprintf("file%s.csv", 1:10)
datasets <- gsub(pattern = "file", replacement = "dataset", files)</pre>
datasets
    [1] "dataset1.csv"
                        "dataset2.csv"
                                                         "dataset4.csv"
##
                                         "dataset3.csv"
##
    [5] "dataset5.csv"
                        "dataset6.csv"
                                         "dataset7.csv"
                                                         "dataset8.csv"
   [9] "dataset9.csv" "dataset10.csv"
##
```

Using function cat()

Run the following code:

```
# name of output file
outfile <- "output.txt"

# writing to 'outfile.txt'
cat("This is the first line", file = outfile)
# insert new line
cat("\n", file = outfile, append = TRUE)
cat("A 2nd line", file = "output.txt", append = TRUE)
# insert 2 new lines
cat("\n\n", file = outfile, append = TRUE)
cat("\n\n", file = outfile, append = TRUE)
cat("\nThe quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog\n",
    file = outfile, append = TRUE)</pre>
```

After running the previous code, look for the file output.txt in your working directory and open it. One of the uses of cat() is to write contents to a text file. Note that the first call to cat() does not include the argument append. The rest of the calls do include append = TRUE.

Your turn. Modify the script such that the content of output.txt looks like the *yaml* header of an .Rmd file with your information:

```
title: "Some title"
author: "Your name"
date: "today's date"
output: html_document
```

```
This is the first line A 2nd line
```

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

Valid Color Names

The function colors() returns a vector with the names (in English) of 657 colors available in R. Write a function is_color() to test if a given name—in English—is a valid R color. If the provided name is a valid R color, is_color() returns TRUE. If the provided name is not a valid R color is_color() returns FALSE.

```
is_color <- function(str) {
   str %in% colors()
}

# test it:
is_color('yellow') # TRUE

is_color('blu') # FALSE

is_color('turkuoise') # FALSE</pre>
```

Plot with a valid color

Use is_color() to create the function colplot() that takes one argument col (the name of a color) to produce a simple scatter plot with random numbers (e.g. use runif() or rnorm() to get point coordinates).

If col is a valid name—say "blue"—, the scatterplot should show a title "Testing color blue".

If the provided col is not a valid color name, e.g. "blu", then the function must stop, showing an error message "invalid color blu".

```
colplot <- function(col){
  if(is_color(col) == FALSE) {
    stop(paste0("invalid color ", col))
} else {
    x <- rnorm(10)
    y <- rnorm(10)
    plot(x, y, main = sprintf("Testing color %s", col), col = col)</pre>
```

```
}
}

# this should plot
colplot('tomato')

# this stops with error message
colplot('tomate')
```

Counting number of vowels

Consider the following vector letrs which contains various letters randomly generated:

```
# random vector of letters
set.seed(1)
letrs <- sample(letters, size = 100, replace = TRUE)
head(letrs)</pre>
```

```
## [1] "g" "j" "o" "x" "f" "x"
```

If you were to count the number of vowels in letrs you would get the following counts:

- a: 2
- e: 2
- i: 6
- o: 2
- u: 8

Write code in R to count the number of vowels in vector letrs. Test your code with letrs and verify that you get the same counts for each vowel.

```
# count number of vowels
vowels <- c("a", "e", "i", "o", "u")

for (i in 1:length(vowels)) {
   counts <- sum(vowels[i] == letrs)
    print(pasteO(vowels[i], ": ", counts))
}

## [1] "a: 2"
## [1] "e: 2"
## [1] "i: 6"
## [1] "o: 2"
## [1] "u: 8"

vowels <- c('a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u')
letrs %in% vowels</pre>
```

[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE

```
TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
##
   [23] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
##
        TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
                                                           TRUE TRUE
##
   [45] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
##
   [56] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
##
   [67] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
   [78] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [89] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [100] FALSE
letrs[letrs %in% vowels]
   [1] "o" "e" "u" "u" "a" "i" "e" "u" "u" "o" "u" "a" "i" "i" "i" "i" "i" "u"
## [18] "i" "u" "u"
table(letrs[letrs %in% vowels])
##
## a e i o u
## 2 2 6 2 8
Now do the same but for the consonants, that is, count the frequencies of consonants in letrs.
You should get the following counts:
bcdfghjklmnpqrstvwxyz
3 3 3 4 6 1 5 6 4 7 2 2 5 4 5 3 4 5 4 3 1
consonants <- letters[!(letters %in% vowels)]</pre>
table(letrs[letrs %in% consonants])
##
## bcdfghjklmnpqrstvwxyz
## 3 3 3 4 6 1 5 6 4 7 2 2 5 4 5 3 4 5 4 3 1
```

Number of letters, vowels, and consonants

Write a function count_letters() that takes a vector of letters (e.g. letrs) and computes the total number of letters, the total number of vowels, and the total number of consonants. For instance, given the vector letrs, the function will print on console:

```
"letters: 100"
"vowels: 20"
"consonants: 80"

# counting total letters, vowels and consonants
count_letters <- function(x) {
    # auxiliar vectors
    vowels <- c('a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u')
    consonants <- letters[!(letters %in% vowels)]
    # count letters, vowels, and consonants</pre>
```

```
print(paste('letters:', sum(nchar(letrs))))
print(paste('vowels:', sum(letrs %in% vowels)))
print(paste('consonants:', sum(letrs %in% consonants)))
}

count_letters(letrs)

## [1] "letters: 100"
## [1] "vowels: 20"
## [1] "consonants: 80"
```