**1. Tabulate the execution times of each of the individual approaches for computing distance in Python (i.e., run the shared code on your computer, note the times, and tabulate them).**

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| For loop function | 0.012 seconds |
| Apply function | 0.006 seconds |
| Haversine vectorization | 0.001 seconds |

**2. Next, replicate the for-loop based approach (the first one) and two different ways to make that version more efficient, in R. Profile these three approaches, and tabulate the results.**

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| For loop function | 0.045 seconds |
| Apply function | 0.0056 seconds |
| Haversine vectorization | 0.000275 seconds |

**3. Based on the computational efficiency of implementations in Python and R, which one would you prefer? Based on a consideration of implementation (i.e., designing and implementing the code), which approach would you prefer? Taking both of these (run time and coding time), which approach would you prefer?**

Computational efficiency data demonstrates that the Haversine vectorization solution provides the best performance in Python and R since it delivers much shorter execution times than alternative methods. The vectorized implementation in R offers better performance than Python achieves with its `apply` function and R for-loops. While building vectorized code proves harder to implement for new developers than traditional for-loops does the code eventually produce substantial performance benefits. In trade-off situations I would choose the Haversine vectorization method because it accomplishes efficiency alongside neat implementation despite its lesson in complexity. When fast deployment matters more than optimal performance the proper implementation of an apply function provides a suitable solution. Python stands as my preferred language because it offers convenient debugging and readable code together with extensive machine learning compatibility along with vectorized performance improvements.

**4. Identify and describe one or two other considerations, in addition to these two, in determining which of the two environments – Python or R – is preferable to you.**

Among the factors that determine choice between R and Python for programming tasks are ecosystem flexibility and user base backing. Python provides wider ecosystem capabilities than R because it enables development of web and automation applications and deep learning workloads which R primarily supports statistical modeling and visualization. For users whose main work revolves around data science or econometrics the choice of R becomes favorable because it provides extensive statistical libraries integrated with built-in visualization tools. Through its comprehensive libraries numbered NumPy and Pandas together with SciPy Python operates as an exceptional all-rounder which synchronously works with machine learning frameworks that include TensorFlow and PyTorch. Python stands out through its massive global user base and extensive documentation and active forums and thus makes troubleshooting and learning processes easier compared to R's smaller but specialized community. Your selection between Python and R programming should include assessing both execution speed and the surrounding professional or research domains to determine which language better suits your requirements.