

# R Programming - Part 2

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## Week 3

Loop functions

## Loop Functions

The use of functionals is an alternative to for-loops

- `lapply()` (loops a list and returns a list)
- `sapply()` (simplifies the result of `lapply` if possible by returning a vector or matrix or list of values)
- `apply()` (applies a function to margins of an array or matrix, and returns a vector or array or list of values)
- `tapply()` (applies a function to groups of data)
- `mapply()` (applies a function to multiple list or vector arguments)

# Loop functions - lapply

Applies a function over a list or vector

```
lapply
```

```
function (X, FUN, ...)  
{  
  FUN <- match.fun(FUN)  
  if (!is.vector(X) || is.object(X))  
    X <- as.list(X)  
  .Internal(lapply(X, FUN))  
}  
<bytecode: 0x7fd35a93a508>  
<environment: namespace:base>
```

# Loop functions - lapply

```
(x <- list(a = 1:3, b = rnorm(3)))
```

```
$a  
[1] 1 2 3  
  
$b  
[1] -1.809 -1.688 -1.106
```

```
lapply(x, mean)
```

```
$a  
[1] 2  
  
$b  
[1] -1.534
```

# Loop functions - lapply

`runif()` generates random deviates

```
x <- 1:3 # number of observations  
lapply(x, runif) # n, min = 0, max = 1
```

```
[[1]]  
[1] 0.5389  
  
[[2]]  
[1] 0.830157 0.002012
```

```
[[3]]  
[1] 0.5913 0.4146 0.3948
```

## Loop functions - lapply

```
(x <- list(a = matrix(1:4, nrow=2, ncol=2),  
          b = matrix(1:6, nrow=3, ncol=2)))
```

```
$a  
      [,1] [,2]  
[1,]     1     3  
[2,]     2     4  
  
$b  
      [,1] [,2]  
[1,]     1     4  
[2,]     2     5  
[3,]     3     6
```

## Loop functions - lapply

```
x <- list(a = matrix(1:4, nrow=2, ncol=2),  
          b = matrix(1:6, nrow=3, ncol=2))  
lapply(x, function(elt) elt[, 1, drop = F])
```

```
$a  
      [,1]  
[1,]     1  
[2,]     2  
  
$b  
      [,1]  
[1,]     1  
[2,]     2  
[3,]     3
```

## Loop functions - sapply

`sapply()` simplifies the result of `lapply()` if possible

- If the result is a list where every element is length 1, then a vector is returned
- If the result is a list where every element is a vector of the same length (>1), a matrix is returned
- If the result is a list where every element is of different types or lengths, it will silently return a list

## Loop functions - sapply

```
data(mtcars)
mtcars[1, ]
```

```
      mpg cyl disp  hp drat   wt  qsec vs am gear carb
Mazda RX4   21   6  160 110   3.9 2.62 16.46  0  1    4    4
```

```
sapply(mtcars, is.numeric) # returns a vector
```

```
mpg  cyl disp  hp drat   wt  qsec   vs   am gear carb
TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

## Loop functions - sapply

```
x <- c(8, 8, 8) # number of observations
sapply(x, runif) # returns a matrix
```

```
      [,1]      [,2]      [,3]
[1,] 0.2034 0.83923 0.53546
[2,] 0.6617 0.06192 0.83011
[3,] 0.9350 0.07225 0.77159
[4,] 0.4488 0.29010 0.22327
[5,] 0.7738 0.82999 0.18566
[6,] 0.4144 0.52119 0.55758
[7,] 0.3417 0.63591 0.02809
[8,] 0.3622 0.25780 0.42997
```

## Loop functions - sapply

```
(x <- data.frame(x = 1:10, y = Sys.time() + 1:10))[1, ]
```

```
      x              y
1 1 2015-01-26 15:50:14
```

```
sapply(x, class) # returns a list
```

```
$x
[1] "integer"

$y
[1] "POSIXct" "POSIXt"
```

## Loop functions - apply

Applies a function to margins of an array or matrix, and returns a vector or array or list of values

```
str(apply)
```

```
function (X, MARGIN, FUN, ...)
```

MARGIN is a vector giving the subscripts which the function will be applied over: \* 1 indicates rows  
\* 2 indicates columns \* c(1, 2) indicates rows and columns

## Loop functions - apply

```
(x <- matrix(1:16, nrow = 2))
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]	[,6]	[,7]	[,8]
[1,]	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15
[2,]	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16

```
apply(x, 1, mean) # row
```

```
[1] 8 9
```

```
apply(x, 2, mean) # col
```

```
[1] 1.5 3.5 5.5 7.5 9.5 11.5 13.5 15.5
```

## Loop functions - apply

```
(x <- matrix(rnorm(15), ncol = 3))
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]
[1,]	0.4500	-0.5352	0.47414
[2,]	1.4547	0.5976	0.06270
[3,]	-0.5679	0.6424	0.02877
[4,]	-1.3109	-0.1566	-0.70189
[5,]	-1.0854	-0.2053	0.87027

```
apply(x, 2, quantile, probs = c(0.25, 0.75))
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]
25%	-1.085	-0.2053	0.02877
75%	0.450	0.5976	0.47414

# Loop functions - tapply

Applies a function to groups of data using a grouping factor

```
str(tapply)
```

```
function (X, INDEX, FUN = NULL, ..., simplify = TRUE)
```

`x` is a vector and `INDEX` is a grouping factor. The function should expect one argument, which is a vector of elements taken from `x` according to their group

# Loop functions - tapply

```
data(Orange) # Growth of Orange Trees
Orange[1, ]
```

```
Tree age circumference
1      1 118           30
```

```
str(Orange$Tree)
```

```
Ord.factor w/ 5 levels "3"<"1"<"5"<"2"<...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 4 4 4 ...
```

```
levels(Orange$Tree)
```

```
[1] "3" "1" "5" "2" "4"
```

# Loop functions - tapply

```
data(Orange) # Growth of Orange Trees
tapply(Orange$circumference, Orange$Tree, mean) # returns an array
```

```
      3      1      5      2      4
94.00  99.57 111.14 135.29 139.29
```

If `simplify = FALSE`, it will return a list

# Loop functions - tapply

```
# 20x standard normals, 10x random deviates
x <- c(rnorm(10), runif(10), rnorm(10, 1))
# generate factor levels
```

```
(f <- gl(3, 10)) # 3 = levels, 10 = replications
```

```
[1] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3  
Levels: 1 2 3
```

```
tapply(x, f, mean)
```

```
      1      2      3  
0.3057 0.5004 0.8888
```

## Loop functions - tapply

```
x <- c(rnorm(10), runif(10), rnorm(10, 1))  
f <- gl(3, 10)  
tapply(x, f, mean, simplify = FALSE)
```

```
$`1`  
[1] 0.7861  
  
$`2`  
[1] 0.533  
  
$`3`  
[1] 0.6637
```

## Loop functions - tapply

```
x <- c(rnorm(10), runif(10), rnorm(10, 1))  
f <- gl(3, 10)  
# returns an array with the mode of the scalar  
# range returns a vector of min and max  
tapply(x, f, range)
```

```
$`1`  
[1] -1.676  2.170  
  
$`2`  
[1] 0.04163 0.88984  
  
$`3`  
[1] -1.408  2.494
```

## Loop functions - mapply

Applies a function to multiple list or vector arguments

```
str(mapply)
```

```
function (FUN, ..., MoreArgs = NULL, SIMPLIFY = TRUE, USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

## Loop functions - mapply

```
mapply(rep, 1:3, 3:1)
```

```
[[1]]  
[1] 1 1 1
```

```
[[2]]  
[1] 2 2
```

```
[[3]]  
[1] 3
```

```
# rep(1, 3) [1], 2, 3 [3], 2, 1  
# rep(2, 2) 1, [2], 3 3, [2], 1  
# rep(3, 1) 1, 2, [3] 3, 2, [1]
```

## Loop functions - mapply

```
l1 <- list(a = c(1:10), b = c(11:20))  
l2 <- list(c = c(21:30), d = c(31:40))  
# sum the corresponding elements of l1 and l2  
mapply(sum, l1$a, l1$b, l2$c, l2$d)
```

```
[1] 64 68 72 76 80 84 88 92 96 100
```

```
# sum(1, 11, 21, 31) = 64  
# ...  
# sum(10, 20, 30, 40) = 100
```

## Loop functions - split

Takes a vector or other objects and splits it into groups determined by a factor or list of factors

```
str(split)
```

```
function (x, f, drop = FALSE, ...)
```

**x** is a vector or data frame containing values to be dividend into groups



`f` is a factor (or coerced to one) or a list of factors

`drop` indicates if empty factor levels should be dropped. FALSE by default

## Loop functions - split

```
x <- c(rnorm(5), runif(5), rnorm(5, 1))
f <- gl(3, 5)
split(x, f) # returns a list of vectors
```

```
$`1`
[1] 0.2905 -0.3770 -1.1689 0.8352 0.5989

$`2`
[1] 0.6559 0.8826 0.5082 0.8519 0.2110

$`3`
[1] 2.2188 0.5696 1.0466 0.4679 0.4039
```

## Loop functions - split

```
x <- c(rnorm(5), runif(5), rnorm(5, 1))
f <- gl(3, 5)
lapply(split(x, f), mean)
```

```
$`1`
[1] 0.1843

$`2`
[1] 0.7702

$`3`
[1] 1.358
```

## Loop functions - split

```
data(airquality)
# first three months
s <- split(airquality, airquality$Month)[1:3]
# column mean
sapply(s, function(x) apply(x[, c("Ozone", "Solar.R", "Wind", "Temp")], 2, mean,
na.rm = TRUE))
```

	5	6	7
Ozone	23.62	29.44	59.115
Solar.R	181.30	190.17	216.484

Wind	11.62	10.27	8.942
Temp	65.55	79.10	83.903

## Loop functions - split

```
x <- 1:10  
(f1 <- gl(2, 5)) # 2 - levels, 5 - repl
```

```
[1] 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2  
Levels: 1 2
```

```
f2 <- gl(5, 2)  
interaction(f1, f2)
```

```
[1] 1.1 1.1 1.2 1.2 1.3 2.3 2.4 2.4 2.5 2.5  
Levels: 1.1 2.1 1.2 2.2 1.3 2.3 1.4 2.4 1.5 2.5
```

## Loop functions - split

```
x <- 1:10  
f1 <- gl(2, 5) # 2 - levels, 5 - repl  
f2 <- gl(5, 2)  
str(split(x, list(f1, f2)))
```

```
List of 10  
 $ 1.1: int [1:2] 1 2  
 $ 2.1: int(0)  
 $ 1.2: int [1:2] 3 4  
 $ 2.2: int(0)  
 $ 1.3: int 5  
 $ 2.3: int 6  
 $ 1.4: int(0)  
 $ 2.4: int [1:2] 7 8  
 $ 1.5: int(0)  
 $ 2.5: int [1:2] 9 10
```

## Loop functions - split

Explanation:

```
# f1 = 11 11 1 2 22 22  
# f2 = 11 22 3 3 44 55  
# x   = 12 34 5 6 78 910  
#           2 2 1 1 2 2  
# There's 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5
```

```
# There's no 2.1, 2.2, 1.4, and 1.5
```

Read [Splitting on more than one level](#)

# Not covering

Debugging tools and R profiling

# References

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