

Class 06: R Functions

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```
student1 <- c(100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 90)
student2 <- c(100, NA, 90, 90, 90, 90, 97, 80)
student3 <- c(90, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA)
```

```
(sum(student1) - min(student1))/7
```

```
[1] 100
```

Or

```
mean(student1[-which.min(student1)])
```

```
[1] 100
```

to exclude NA values from Student2:

```
mean(student2[-which.min(student2)], na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
[1] 92.83333
```

to assign Student to as “x”

```
x <- student2
x
```

```
[1] 100 NA 90 90 90 90 97 80
```

ChatGPT: “To convert NA (missing) values to zero in R, you can use the `is.na()` function to identify the missing values and then use logical indexing to replace them with zeros.”

```
x <- student3
x[is.na(x)] <- 0
mean(x[-which.min(x)], na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
[1] 12.85714
```

Now x can be changed to whichever student we want to grade.

Q1. Write a function grade() to determine an overall grade from a vector of student homework assignment scores dropping the lowest single score. If a student misses a homework (i.e. has an NA value) this can be used as a score to be potentially dropped. Your final function should be adequately explained with code comments and be able to work on an example class gradebook such as this one in CSV format: “<https://tinyurl.com/gradeinput>” [3pts]

```
grade <- function(x) {
  #convert/Mask NA values to zero
  x[is.na(x)] <- 0
  #drop lowest score and get the mean. Note na.rm=TRUE is not required since NA was assigned
  mean(x[-which.min(x)])
}
```

To read the gradebook and convert first row to names:

```
gradebook <- read.csv("https://tinyurl.com/gradeinput", row.names=1)
gradebook
```

	hw1	hw2	hw3	hw4	hw5
student-1	100	73	100	88	79
student-2	85	64	78	89	78
student-3	83	69	77	100	77
student-4	88	NA	73	100	76
student-5	88	100	75	86	79
student-6	89	78	100	89	77
student-7	89	100	74	87	100
student-8	89	100	76	86	100
student-9	86	100	77	88	77
student-10	89	72	79	NA	76
student-11	82	66	78	84	100
student-12	100	70	75	92	100
student-13	89	100	76	100	80
student-14	85	100	77	89	76

```

student-15 85 65 76 89 NA
student-16 92 100 74 89 77
student-17 88 63 100 86 78
student-18 91 NA 100 87 100
student-19 91 68 75 86 79
student-20 91 68 76 88 76

```

To Use the apply command to perform a batch function on all grades:

```

apply(gradebook, MARGIN=1, grade)

```

```

student-1 student-2 student-3 student-4 student-5 student-6 student-7
  91.75    82.50    84.25    84.25    88.25    89.00    94.00
student-8 student-9 student-10 student-11 student-12 student-13 student-14
  93.75    87.75    79.00    86.00    91.75    92.25    87.75
student-15 student-16 student-17 student-18 student-19 student-20
  78.75    89.50    88.00    94.50    82.75    82.75

```

```

#Note: instead of MARGIN=1 could just use a "1". 2 would average columns and 3 averages rows

```

Q2. Using your grade() function and the supplied gradebook, Who is the top scoring student overall in the gradebook? [3pts]

```

which.max(apply(gradebook, MARGIN=1, grade))

```

```

student-18
18

```

Could also assign the “answer” to ans so we can easily query the results

```

ans <- apply(gradebook, MARGIN=1, grade)
which.max(ans)

```

```

student-18
18

```

Q3. From your analysis of the gradebook, which homework was toughest on students (i.e. obtained the lowest scores overall? [2pts] ->change the margin to columns (2). However this still drops the lowest score which skews the result

```
which.min(apply(gradebook, MARGIN=2, grade))
```

```
hw2  
2
```

instead:

```
mask <- gradebook  
mask[is.na(mask)] <- 0  
hw.ave <- (apply(mask, 2, mean))  
which.min(hw.ave)
```

```
hw2  
2
```

We could also sum the columns and then choose the lowest to determine the lowest scoring quiz:

```
gradebook[is.na(gradebook)] <- 0  
which.min(apply (gradebook, 2, sum))
```

```
hw2  
2
```

Q4. Optional Extension: From your analysis of the gradebook, which homework was most predictive of overall score (i.e. highest correlation with average grade score)? [1pt]

```
cor(mask$hw4, ans)
```

```
[1] 0.3810884
```

```
apply(mask, 2, cor, y=ans)
```

	hw1	hw2	hw3	hw4	hw5
	0.4250204	0.1767780	0.3042561	0.3810884	0.6325982

```
#then can find which is the most correlated with which.max  
which.max(apply(mask, 2, cor, y=ans))
```

hw5

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