

CodingChallenge6

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Loops and iterations – 25 pts

PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE CONTINUING

This assignment will help you practice writing and executing for loops and writing functions. It will also involve some more practice with GitHub. You may collaborate with a partner to enhance your learning experience. Please ensure the following:

- Collaboration: If you work with a partner, include both names on the final submission by editing the YAML header.
- Submission: Only one person should submit the assignment to Canvas in a Word document or .pdf file generated through R markdown. Additionally, you should provide a link to your GitHub, where the assignment should be viewable by rendering it as a GitHub-flavored markdown file.
- Setup: It is also assumed you already have a GitHub repository for this class.
- Time: This should take you no longer than the class period to complete.

1. 2 pts. Regarding reproducibility, what is the main point of writing your own functions and iterations?

- We can compute the same calculations R using the mathematical formula and copy pasting the formula multiple times and just changing the value of the variable. However, in case of complicated calculations, we might do mistakes during copying and pasting process and there occurs problem in reproducibility. Further, it is also a long and tedious process for a large set of data. Thus, creating our own function to do the calculations and use iterations to do same calculation multiple times for different data helps in reproducing our analysis.

2. 2 pts. In your own words, describe how to write a function and a for loop in R and how they work. Give me specifics like syntax, where to write code, and how the results are returned.

Function

- to write a function, we name the function first and use function() function where we write the input data that we want to change. Then we write the formula inside the curly brackets, where we can also save the name of the formula and return the name of the formula inside the curly brackets as output.

for example: `NameFunction <- function(inputdata){ NameFormula <- (formula) return(NameFormula) }`

The above code will take the input data and perform the calculation using the formula we write down and give us the output.

for loop

- for loop sets up iteration
- while running for loop, it takes every data from the input data and runs the code that we give it inside curly brackets until all the input values are covered and gives us the output.

for example: `for (i in 1:100) { result <- NameFunction(i) print(result) }`

- The above code takes all numbers from 1 to 100, performs the calculation using the function that we created above for all of them and gives output.

This dataset contains the population and coordinates (latitude and longitude) of the 40 most populous cities in the US, along with Auburn, AL. Your task is to create a function that calculates the distance between Auburn and each other city using the Haversine formula. To do this, you'll write a for loop that goes through each city in the dataset and computes the distance from Auburn. Detailed steps are provided below.

3. 2 pts. Read in the Cities.csv file from Canvas using a relative file path.

```
cities <- read.csv("Cities.csv") # loading file using relative file path
cities
```

##	city	city_ascii	state_id	state_name	county_fips
## 1	New York	New York	NY	New York	36081
## 2	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA	California	6037
## 3	Chicago	Chicago	IL	Illinois	17031
## 4	Miami	Miami	FL	Florida	12086
## 5	Houston	Houston	TX	Texas	48201
## 6	Dallas	Dallas	TX	Texas	48113
## 7	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA	Pennsylvania	42101
## 8	Atlanta	Atlanta	GA	Georgia	13121
## 9	Washington	Washington	DC	District of Columbia	11001
## 10	Boston	Boston	MA	Massachusetts	25025
## 11	Phoenix	Phoenix	AZ	Arizona	4013
## 12	Detroit	Detroit	MI	Michigan	26163
## 13	Seattle	Seattle	WA	Washington	53033
## 14	San Francisco	San Francisco	CA	California	6075
## 15	San Diego	San Diego	CA	California	6073
## 16	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	MN	Minnesota	27053
## 17	Tampa	Tampa	FL	Florida	12057
## 18	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	NY	New York	36047
## 19	Denver	Denver	CO	Colorado	8031
## 20	Queens	Queens	NY	New York	36081
## 21	Riverside	Riverside	CA	California	6065
## 22	Las Vegas	Las Vegas	NV	Nevada	32003
## 23	Baltimore	Baltimore	MD	Maryland	24510
## 24	St. Louis	St. Louis	MO	Missouri	29510
## 25	Portland	Portland	OR	Oregon	41051
## 26	San Antonio	San Antonio	TX	Texas	48029
## 27	Sacramento	Sacramento	CA	California	6067
## 28	Austin	Austin	TX	Texas	48453
## 29	Orlando	Orlando	FL	Florida	12095
## 30	San Juan	San Juan	PR	Puerto Rico	72127
## 31	San Jose	San Jose	CA	California	6085
## 32	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	IN	Indiana	18097
## 33	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	PA	Pennsylvania	42003
## 34	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH	Ohio	39061
## 35	Manhattan	Manhattan	NY	New York	36061
## 36	Kansas City	Kansas City	MO	Missouri	29095
## 37	Cleveland	Cleveland	OH	Ohio	39035
## 38	Columbus	Columbus	OH	Ohio	39049
## 39	Bronx	Bronx	NY	New York	36005
## 40	Auburn	Auburn	AL	Alabama	1081
##	county_name	lat	long	population	density
## 1	Queens	40.6943	-73.9249	18832416	10943.7
## 2	Los Angeles	34.1141	-118.4068	11885717	3165.8
## 3	Cook	41.8375	-87.6866	8489066	4590.3
## 4	Miami-Dade	25.7840	-80.2101	6113982	4791.1

## 5	Harris	29.7860	-95.3885	6046392	1386.5
## 6	Dallas	32.7935	-96.7667	5843632	1477.2
## 7	Philadelphia	40.0077	-75.1339	5696588	4547.5
## 8	Fulton	33.7628	-84.4220	5211164	1425.3
## 9	District of Columbia	38.9047	-77.0163	5146120	4245.2
## 10	Suffolk	42.3188	-71.0852	4355184	5303.3
## 11	Maricopa	33.5722	-112.0892	4065338	1210.3
## 12	Wayne	42.3834	-83.1024	3716929	1771.8
## 13	King	47.6211	-122.3244	3555253	3408.0
## 14	San Francisco	37.7558	-122.4449	3364862	6914.5
## 15	San Diego	32.8313	-117.1222	3057778	1640.0
## 16	Hennepin	44.9635	-93.2678	2906807	3052.0
## 17	Hillsborough	27.9945	-82.4447	2906035	1336.6
## 18	Kings	40.6501	-73.9496	2736074	15200.5
## 19	Denver	39.7620	-104.8758	2691349	1800.3
## 20	Queens	40.7498	-73.7976	2405464	8503.7
## 21	Riverside	33.9381	-117.3949	2288508	1504.7
## 22	Clark	36.2333	-115.2654	2256509	1771.5
## 23	Baltimore	39.3051	-76.6144	2189589	2753.1
## 24	St. Louis	38.6359	-90.2451	2127843	1833.6
## 25	Multnomah	45.5371	-122.6500	2084045	1859.0
## 26	Bexar	29.4632	-98.5238	2069843	1129.0
## 27	Sacramento	38.5677	-121.4685	1962998	2054.1
## 28	Travis	30.3005	-97.7522	1915031	1145.0
## 29	Orange	28.4773	-81.3370	1913597	1082.0
## 30	San Juan	18.3985	-66.0610	1809800	3110.1
## 31	Santa Clara	37.3012	-121.8480	1771563	2148.3
## 32	Marion	39.7771	-86.1458	1740984	943.3
## 33	Allegheny	40.4397	-79.9763	1712828	2116.9
## 34	Hamilton	39.1413	-84.5060	1704916	1534.2
## 35	New York	40.7834	-73.9662	1694263	28653.9
## 36	Jackson	39.1238	-94.5541	1686807	623.6
## 37	Cuyahoga	41.4764	-81.6805	1679247	1825.4
## 38	Franklin	39.9862	-82.9855	1578153	1585.7
## 39	Bronx	40.8501	-73.8662	1472654	13356.3
## 40	Lee	32.6087	-85.4903	108327	486.5

4. 6 pts. Write a function to calculate the distance between two pairs of coordinates based on the Haversine formula (see below). The input into the function should be lat1, lon1, lat2, and lon2. The function should return the object distance_km. All the code below needs to go into the function.

```
convert to radians rad.lat1 <- lat1 * pi/180 rad.lon1 <- lon1 * pi/180 rad.lat2 <- lat2 * pi/180 rad.lon2 <- lon2 * pi/180
```

```
Haversine formula delta_lat <- rad.lat2 - rad.lat1 delta_lon <- rad.lon2 - rad.lon1 a <- sin(delta_lat / 2)^2 + cos(rad.lat1) * cos(rad.lat2) * sin(delta_lon / 2)^2 c <- 2 * asin(sqrt(a))
```

```
Earth's radius in kilometers earth_radius <- 6378137
```

```
Calculate the distance distance_km <- (earth_radius * c)/1000
```

```
# writing a function to calculate distance between two coordinates

haversine_distance <- function(lat1, lon1, lat2, lon2) {
  rad.lat1 <- lat1 * pi/180 #converting to radians
  rad.lon1 <- lon1 * pi/180
  rad.lat2 <- lat2 * pi/180
  rad.lon2 <- lon2 * pi/180
  delta_lat <- rad.lat2 - rad.lat1
  delta_lon <- rad.lon2 - rad.lon1
  a <- sin(delta_lat / 2)^2 + cos(rad.lat1) * cos(rad.lat2) * sin(delta_lon / 2)^2
  c <- 2 * asin(sqrt(a)) #haversine formula
  earth_radius <- 6378137 #earth's radius in kilometers
  distance_km <- (earth_radius * c)/1000 #calculating the distance
  return(distance_km)
}
```

5. 5 pts. Using your function, compute the distance between Auburn, AL and New York City

- Subset/filter the Cities.csv data to include only the latitude and longitude values you need and input as input to your function.

```
# Subsetting required values of latitude and longitude values

lat1 <- cities$lat[cities$city == "Auburn"]
lon1 <- cities$long[cities$city == "Auburn"]
lat2 <- cities$lat[cities$city == "New York"]
lon2 <- cities$long[cities$city == "New York"]

# Using the function to compute distance between Auburn and New York City.
DistanceAuburnNYC <- haversine_distance(lat1, lon1, lat2, lon2)
print(DistanceAuburnNYC)
```

```
## [1] 1367.854
```

- The output of your function should be 1367.854 km

6. 6 pts. Now, use your function within a for loop to calculate the distance between all other cities in the data. The output of the first 9 iterations is shown below.

```
[1] 1367.854 [1] 3051.838 [1] 1045.521 [1] 916.4138 [1] 993.0298 [1] 1056.022 [1] 1239.973 [1] 162.5121 [1]
1036.99
```

```
lat2 <- cities$lat[cities$city!="Auburn"] #subsetting data for latitudes for all cities except Auburn
lon2 <- cities$long[cities$city!="Auburn"] #subsetting data for longitudes for all cities except Auburn

#for loop to calculate the distance between all other cities and Auburn
```

```

for (i in seq_along(lat2)){
  result <- haversine_distance(lat1, lon1, lat2[i], lon2[i])
  print(result)
}

```

```

## [1] 1367.854
## [1] 3051.838
## [1] 1045.521
## [1] 916.4138
## [1] 993.0298
## [1] 1056.022
## [1] 1239.973
## [1] 162.5121
## [1] 1036.99
## [1] 1665.699
## [1] 2476.255
## [1] 1108.229
## [1] 3507.959
## [1] 3388.366
## [1] 2951.382
## [1] 1530.2
## [1] 591.1181
## [1] 1363.207
## [1] 1909.79
## [1] 1380.138
## [1] 2961.12
## [1] 2752.814
## [1] 1092.259
## [1] 796.7541
## [1] 3479.538
## [1] 1290.549
## [1] 3301.992
## [1] 1191.666
## [1] 608.2035
## [1] 2504.631
## [1] 3337.278
## [1] 800.1452
## [1] 1001.088
## [1] 732.5906
## [1] 1371.163
## [1] 1091.897
## [1] 1043.273
## [1] 851.3423
## [1] 1382.372

```

Bonus point if you can have the output of each iteration append a new row to a dataframe, generating a new column of data. In other words, the loop should create a dataframe with three columns called city1, city2, and distance_km, as shown below. The first six rows of the dataframe are shown below.

```
City1 City2 Distance_km
```

```
1 New York Auburn 1367.8540 2 Los Angeles Auburn 3051.8382 3 Chicago Auburn 1045.5213 4 Miami Auburn 916.4138 5 Houston Auburn 993.0298 6 Dallas Auburn 1056.0217
```

```
CitiesDistance = NULL #creating a NULL object

#for loop to calculate the distance between all other cities and Auburn
for (i in seq_along(lat2)) {
  result <- haversine_distance(lat1, lon1, lat2[i], lon2[i])
  City1 <- cities$city[i] #creating a vector City1 with all other cities
  City2 <- "Auburn" #creating a vector City2 with city Auburn
  CombinedData <- data.frame(City1 = City1, City2 = City2, Distance_km = result)
  CitiesDistance <- rbind.data.frame(CitiesDistance, CombinedData)
}
```

```
CitiesDistance
```

```
##           City1 City2 Distance_km
## 1      New York Auburn   1367.8540
## 2    Los Angeles Auburn   3051.8382
## 3      Chicago Auburn   1045.5213
## 4        Miami Auburn    916.4138
## 5      Houston Auburn    993.0298
## 6        Dallas Auburn   1056.0217
## 7 Philadelphia Auburn   1239.9732
## 8        Atlanta Auburn    162.5121
## 9   Washington Auburn   1036.9900
## 10       Boston Auburn   1665.6985
## 11      Phoenix Auburn   2476.2552
## 12      Detroit Auburn   1108.2288
## 13      Seattle Auburn   3507.9589
## 14 San Francisco Auburn   3388.3656
## 15    San Diego Auburn   2951.3816
## 16 Minneapolis Auburn   1530.2000
## 17        Tampa Auburn    591.1181
## 18   Brooklyn Auburn   1363.2072
## 19        Denver Auburn   1909.7897
## 20       Queens Auburn   1380.1382
## 21   Riverside Auburn   2961.1199
## 22    Las Vegas Auburn   2752.8142
## 23   Baltimore Auburn   1092.2595
## 24    St. Louis Auburn    796.7541
## 25    Portland Auburn   3479.5376
```

## 26	San Antonio	Auburn	1290.5492
## 27	Sacramento	Auburn	3301.9923
## 28	Austin	Auburn	1191.6657
## 29	Orlando	Auburn	608.2035
## 30	San Juan	Auburn	2504.6312
## 31	San Jose	Auburn	3337.2781
## 32	Indianapolis	Auburn	800.1452
## 33	Pittsburgh	Auburn	1001.0879
## 34	Cincinnati	Auburn	732.5906
## 35	Manhattan	Auburn	1371.1633
## 36	Kansas City	Auburn	1091.8970
## 37	Cleveland	Auburn	1043.2727
## 38	Columbus	Auburn	851.3423
## 39	Bronx	Auburn	1382.3721

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