

# Apply Functions

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## The apply family of functions

### Introduction to Repeating Things in R

```
est_mass <- function(volume) {  
  mass <- 2.65 * volume^0.9  
  return(mass)  
}  
  
est_mass(1.6)
```

```
## [1] 4.045329
```

```
est_mass(5.6)
```

```
## [1] 12.49151
```

### Using vectorized functions

```
library(stringr)  
c(1, 2, 3) * 2
```

```
## [1] 2 4 6
```

```
volumes <- c(1.6, 5.6, 3.1)  
est_mass(volumes)
```

```
## [1] 4.045329 12.491515 7.336204
```

```
str_to_sentence(c("dipodomys", "chaetodipus"))
```

```
## [1] "Dipodomys" "Chaetodipus"
```

```
genus <- c("dipodomys", "chaetodipus", "dipodomys")
species <- c("ordii", "baileyi", "spectabilis")

combine_genus_species <- function(genus, species) {
  genus_cap <- str_to_sentence(genus)
  genus_species <- paste(genus_cap, species)
  return(genus_species)
}
combine_genus_species(genus, species)
```

```
## [1] "Dipodomys ordii"      "Chaetodipus baileyi"  "Dipodomys spectabilis"
```

```
data <- data.frame(genus, species)
combine_genus_species(data$genus, data$species)
```

```
## [1] "Dipodomys ordii"      "Chaetodipus baileyi"  "Dipodomys spectabilis"
```

## Apply functions

```
est_mass <- function(volume) {
  if (volume > 5) {
    mass <- 2.65 * volume^0.9
  } else {
    mass <- NA
  }
  return(mass)
}
```

```
volumes <- c(1.6, 5.6, 3.1)
sapply(volumes, est_mass)
```

```
## [1]      NA 12.49151      NA
```

```
c(est_mass(volumes[1]), est_mass(volumes[2]), est_mass(volumes[3]))
```

```
## [1]      NA 12.49151      NA
```

## The mapply function

```
est_mass <- function(volume, veg_type) {
  if (veg_type == "tree") {
    mass <- 2.65 * volume^0.9
  } else {
    mass <- NA
  }
  return(mass)
}
```

```

volumes <- c(1.6, 5.6, 3.1)
veg_type <- c("shrub", "tree", "tree")

mapply(FUN = est_mass, volume = volumes, veg_type = veg_type)

## [1]      NA 12.491515  7.336204

```

## Combining functions with dplyr

```

library(dplyr)

##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##   filter, lag

## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

```

```

est_mass <- function(volume, veg_type) {
  if (veg_type == "tree") {
    mass <- 2.65 * volume^0.9
  } else {
    mass <- NA
  }
  return(mass)
}

est_mass_vectorized <- function(volume) {
  mass <- 2.65 * volume^0.9
  return(mass)
}

volumes <- c(1.6, 5.6, 3.1)
veg_type <- c("shrub", "tree", "tree")
plant_data <- data.frame(volumes, veg_type)

plant_data %>%
  rowwise() %>%
  mutate(masses = est_mass(volumes, veg_type))

```

```

## # A tibble: 3 x 3
## # Rowwise:
##   volumes veg_type masses
##   <dbl> <chr>    <dbl>
## 1     1.6 shrub      NA
## 2     5.6 tree      12.5
## 3     3.1 tree       7.34

```

```
get_biomass <- function(volumes) {  
  masses <- est_mass_vectorized(volumes)  
  biomass <- sum(masses)  
  return(biomass)  
}  
get_biomass(volumes)
```

```
## [1] 23.87305
```

```
plant_data %>%  
  group_by(veg_type) %>%  
  summarize(biomass = get_biomass(volumes))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2  
##   veg_type biomass  
##   <chr>      <dbl>  
## 1 shrub      4.05  
## 2 tree      19.8
```