Workshop 4 Solution

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For the first two problems we'll use the Cars93 data set from the MASS library.

```
library(MASS)
```

1. Manipulating data frames

Use the transform() and log() functions to create a new data frame called Cars93.log that has MPG.highway and MPG.city replaced with log(MPG.highway) and log(MPG.city).

```
Cars93.log <- transform(Cars93, MPG.highway = log(MPG.highway), MPG.city = log(MPG.city))</pre>
```

2. Functions, lists, and if-else practice

(a) Write a function called isPassingGrade whose input x is a number, and which returns FALSE if x is lower than 50 and TRUE otherwise.

```
isPassingGrade <- function(x) {
  did.pass <- TRUE
  if(x < 50) {
    did.pass <- FALSE
  }
  did.pass
}
isPassingGrade(45)</pre>
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
isPassingGrade(90)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
# Here's an alternative, using different syntax
isPassingGrade2 <- function(x) (x >= 50)
isPassingGrade2(45)
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
isPassingGrade2(90)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

(b) Write a function called sendMessage whose input x is a number, and which prints Congratulations if isPassingGrade(x) is TRUE and prints Oh no! if isPassingGrade(x) is FALSE.

```
sendMessage <- function(x) {
  if(isPassingGrade(x)) {
    print("Congratulations!")
} else {
    print("Oh no!")
}</pre>
```

```
sendMessage(45)
## [1] "Oh no!"
sendMessage(90)
## [1] "Congratulations!"
# Here's another way of accomplishing the same thing
sendMessage2 <- function(x) print(ifelse(isPassingGrade(x), "Congratulations", "Oh no!"))
sendMessage2(45)
## [1] "Oh no!"
sendMessage2(90)
## [1] "Congratulations"</pre>
```