Goals for this session:

- * Understand the for-loop structure and how to use it to:
- * "Walk" through a vector while accumulating a sum, computing a product, or some other operation.
- * "Walk" though a matrix by row, (or column), while accumulating a sum, computing a product or some other arithmetic operation.
- * "Walk" through a data frame by row to compute something. Also process the results of a previous "split" operation.
- * Understand the if statement and how to branch based on the value of a vector or matrix element.
- * Also use the if statement in conjunction with the for loop to do some processing.

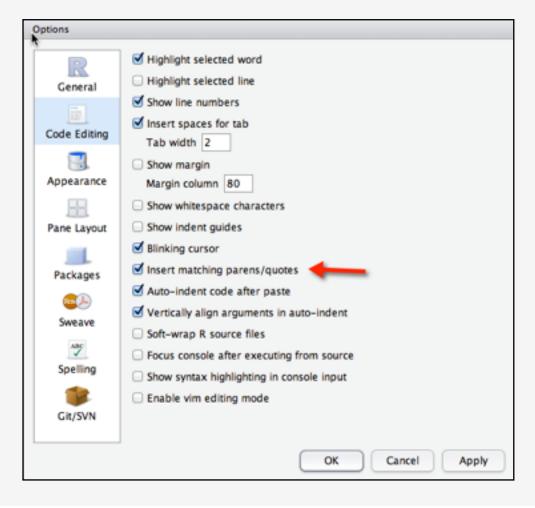
Some suggestions for the upcoming weeks:

- 1) Put the statements in the Editor window of RStudio and perfect them there. You can highlight sections of code and hit the "run" button.
- 2) You will most definitely make mistakes when writing loops. It is guaranteed. Better to get familiar with the most common mistakes ahead of time.
- 3) Work through the labs. Functions, Week 7, use control statements and loops
- 4) The next assignment will assume facility with these structures.

```
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  1 # Compute the grades
  3 score = c(74,68,98,90,100,67,59)
  4 - for (ii in 1:length(score)) {
  5 if (score[ii] == 100) {
  6
          grade = "A+"
  7  } else if (score[ii] >= 90) {
          grade = "A"
     } else if (score[ii] >= 80) {
          arade = "B"
 10
 11 - } else if (score[ii] >= 70) {
 12
          arade = "C"
 13 - } else if (score[ii] >= 60) {
 14
          arade = "D"
 15 }
 16 - else {
         grade = "F"
 17
 18
 19
       print(grade)
 20 }
 21
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Control structures in R allow you to control the flow of execution of the program, depending on runtime conditions. Common structures are

- if, else: testing a condition
- for: execute a loop a fixed number of times
- while: execute a loop while a condition is true
- repeat: execute an infinite loop
- break: break the execution of a loop
- next: skip an interation of a loop
- return: exit a function

Most control structures are not used in interactive sessions, but rather when writing functions or longer expresisons.

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Programming Structures - for

This is a looping construct that let's you do some things for a specific number of times. "name" is some index variable that takes on values returned by "expr_1", which is almost always some type of sequence. It could represent the length of a vector or a row of a matrix.

```
for (name in expr_1) {
    expr_2
}

x = 1:3
for (ii in 1:3) {
    print(ii)
}

[1] 1
[1] 2
[1] 3
```

Better to generalize this - use the length function so it will work with any vector

```
x = 1:3
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
  print(ii)
\lceil 1 \rceil 1
[1] 2
\lceil 1 \rceil 3
We could go backwards also:
x = 1:3
for (ii in length(x):1) { # We start with the last element number
   print(ii)
[1] 3
[1] 2
\lceil 1 \rceil 1
```

```
And we could make the output a little prettier also:

x = 10:12
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
   cat("The value of x element number",ii,"is",x[ii],"\n")
}

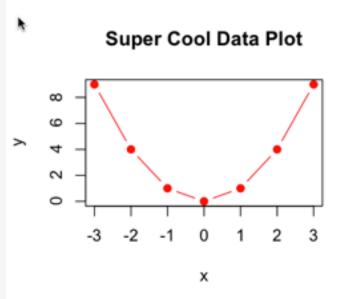
The value of x element number 1 is 10
The value of x element number 2 is 11
The value of x element number 3 is 12
```

Let' look at the situation where we have a bunch of x values that we want to provide as input to some function. That is - We want to generate y values for plotting x vs y. Here let's plug the x values into the function x^2 . (The resulting plot will be a parabola).

```
y = vector() # A blank vector
x = -3:3
for (ii in -3:length(x)) {
  y[ii] = x[ii]^2
}

x
[1] -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3

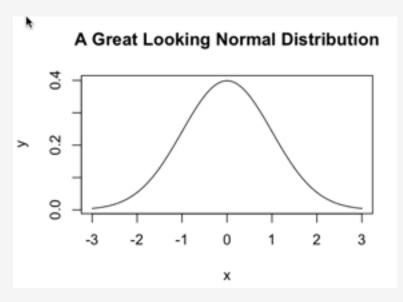
y
[1] 9 4 1 0 1 4 9
```



plot(x,y,main="Super Cool Data Plot",type="b",pch=19,col="red")

```
y = vector()
x = seq(-3,3,by=0.005)  # seq let's us specify and increment
for (ii in -3:length(x)) {
  y[ii] = dnorm(x[ii])
}
length(x)
[1] 1201

plot(x,y,main="A Great Looking Normal Distribution",type="l")
```



We frequently use for-loops to do some arithmetic - like add things up.

```
x = 1:3
mysum = 0
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
  mysum = mysum + x[ii]
mysum
[1] 6
Here is what is happening as the loop is executing:
mysum = 0
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
 mysum = mysum + x[ii]
 cat("ii is currently",ii, "and mysum is", mysum, "\n")
ii is currently 1 and mysum is 1
ii is currently 2 and mysum is 3
ii is currently 3 and mysum is 6
```

Now - we would usually use vector arithmetic to do this but there are situations when a for loop will be fine also.

```
mysum = 0
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
   mysum = mysum + x[ii]
}
avg = mysum / length(x)

cat("The average of this vector is:", avg ,"\n")
[1] "The average of this vector is: 2"

all.equal(avg, mean(x))
[1] TRUE
```

```
This will work on large vectors too
x = rnorm(1000, 20, 4) + 1,000 random elements from a N(20, 4)
mysum = 0
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
  mysum = mysum + x[ii]
avg = mysum / length(x)
cat("The average of this vector is:",avg,"\n")
[1] "The average of this vector is: 20.1320691898645"
We could clean up the output a little bit
cat("The average of this vector is:",round(avg,2),"\n")
[1] "The average of this vector is: 20.13"
```

Here is an example where we compute the product of all vector elements (note there is an R function for this called 'prod')

```
x = 1:6
myprods = 1
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
   myprods = myprods * x[ii]
}
myprods
[1] 720
prod(x)
[1] 720
all.equal(myprods, prod(x))
[1] TRUE
```

Given a vector find the smallest value without using the "min" function:

```
set.seed(188)
x = rnorm(1000) + 1,000 random elements from a N(20,4)
mymin = x[1] # Set the min to the first element of x. Unless we are
             # very lucky then this will change as we walk through
             # the vector
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
  if (x[ii] < mymin) {</pre>
     mymin = x[ii]
mymin
[1] -3.422185
min(mymin) # The internal R function matches what we got
[1] -3.422185
```

We can loop through data frames also. Consider the following data frame that contains the number of hours worked that week for an employee. There is also the hourly wage information so we can compute the weekly pay.

To figure an employee's pay check we multiply total work Hours by the Wage:

```
tt
    Hours Wage
Frank    40 30.0
John    42 31.5
Lisa    38 26.5

for (ii in 1:nrow(tt)) {
    pay.check = tt[ii, 'Hours'] * tt[ii, 'Wage']
    cat(rownames(tt)[ii], " gets $",pay.check, " this week \n")
}

Frank gets $ 1200 this week
John gets $ 1323 this week
Lisa gets $ 1007 this week
```

We can loop through data frames also. Let's see if we can compute the mean of the MPG for all cars. Note that we use the nrow function to get the number of rows to loop over.

```
mpgsum = 0
for (ii in 1:nrow(mtcars)) {
   mpgsum = mpgsum + mtcars[ii,"mpg"]
}

mpgmean = mpgsum/nrow(mtcars)  # Divide the sum by the # of records

cat("Mean MPG for all cars is:",mpgmean,"\n")

Mean MPG for all cars is: 20.09062

all.equal(mpgmean,mean(mtcars$mpg))
[1] TRUE
```

Remember the split command? We can work with the output of that also. Relative to mtcars we let's split up the data frame by cylinder number, which is (4,6, or 8).

```
mysplits = split(mtcars, mtcars$cyl)

str(mysplits, max.level=1)
List of 3
  $ 4:'data.frame': 11 obs. of 11 variables:
  $ 6:'data.frame': 7 obs. of 11 variables:
  $ 8:'data.frame': 14 obs. of 11 variables:
```

We get back a list that contains 3 elements each of which has a data frame corresponding to the number of cylinders. If we wanted to we could summarize each of these data frame elements using a for loop

```
mysplits
$`4`
             mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
            24.4 4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1 0
Merc 240D
Merc 230
            22.8 4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150 22.90 1 0
Toyota Corona 21.5 4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01 1 0 3
. .
$`6`
              mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
Valiant
             18.1 6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
             19.2 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30 1 0
Merc 280
             17.8 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90 1 0 4
Merc 280C
$`8`
                  mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
                 18.7 8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
Hornet Sportabout
                 14.3 8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0 0 3
Duster 360
                 16.4 8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40 0 0 3
Merc 450SE
                 17.3 8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60 0 0 3
Merc 450SL
```

```
mysplit = split(mtcars,mtcars$cyl)
for (ii in 1:length(mysplit)) {
   print(nrow(mysplit[[ii]]))
[1] 11
[1] 7
[1] 14
# This is equivalent to
lapply(mysplit, nrow)
$`4`
[1] 11
$`6`
[1] 7
$`8`
[1] 14
```

```
mysplit = split(mtcars,mtcars$cyl)
for (ii in 1:length(mysplit)) {
   splitname = names(mysplit[ii])
   cat("mean for",splitname,"cylinders is",mean(mysplit[[ii]]$mpg),"\n")
mean for 4 cylinders is 26.66364
mean for 6 cylinders is 19.74286
mean for 8 cylinders is 15.1
# This is basically equivalent to
lapply(mysplit, function(x) mean(x$mpg))
$`4`
[1] 26.66364
$`6`
[1] 19.74286
$`8`
[1] 15.1
```

What about looping over each split and pulling out only those cars with an manual transmission ? (am == 1)

```
data(mtcars)
mysplit = split(mtcars,mtcars$cyl)
mylist = list() # Setup a blank list to contain the subset results
for (ii in 1:length(mysplit)) {
 mylist[[ii]] = subset(mysplit[[ii]], am == 1)
mylist
# Equivalent to:
lapply(mysplit, subset, am == 1)
```

What about looping over each split and sampling two records from each group?

```
for (ii in 1:length(mysplits)) {
   recs = sample(1:nrow(mysplits[[ii]]),2,F)
   print(mysplits[[ii]][recs,])
           mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
Honda Civic 30.4 4 75.7 52 4.93 1.615 18.52 1 1
Fiat 128 32.4 4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47 1 1 4
            mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
Mazda RX4 Wag 21 6 160 110 3.9 2.875 17.02 0 1
Mazda RX4 21 6 160 110 3.9 2.620 16.46 0 1 4
                  mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
Merc 450SL
                 17.3 8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60 0 0
                                                              3
Lincoln Continental 10.4 8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82 0 0 3
```

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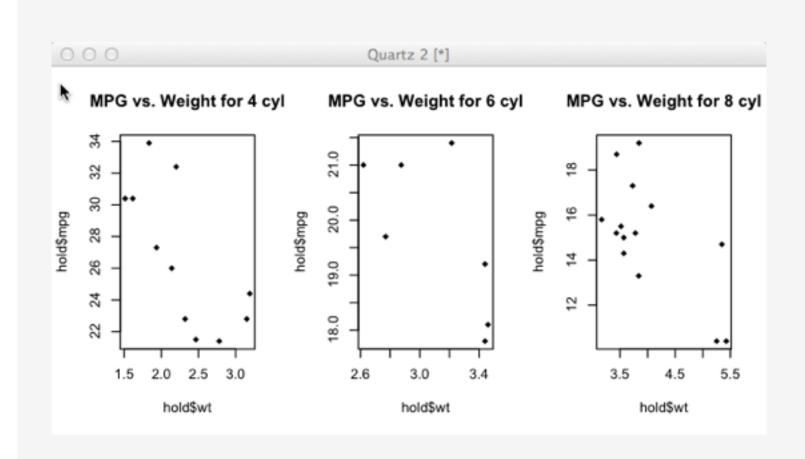
```
lapply(mysplit, function(x) {
                    recs = sample(1:nrow(x),2,F)
                    return(x[recs,])
                })
$`4`
           mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
          21.4 4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60 1 1
Volvo 142E
Honda Civic 30.4 4 75.7 52 4.93 1.615 18.52 1 1
$`6`
         mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
Merc 280 19.2 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.44 18.30 1
Valiant 18.1 6 225.0 105 2.76 3.46 20.22 1 0
$`8`
                mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
Duster 360
               14.3 8 360 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0
Pontiac Firebird 19.2 8 400 175 3.08 3.845 17.05 0 0
                                                            2
```

Let's say we want to plot MPG vs. Weight for each cylinder group. Check it out:

```
mysplits = split(mtcars, mtcars$cyl)
par(mfrow=c(1,3)) # This relates to plotting
for (ii in 1:length(mysplits)) {
 hold = mysplits[[ii]]
  plot(hold$wt, hold$mpg, pch = 18, main=paste("MPG vs. Weight for",
       names(mysplits[ii]), "cyl",sep=" "))
NOTE:
names(mysplits[1])
[1] "4"
names(mysplits[2])
[1] "6"
names(mysplits[3])
[1] "8"
```

Technically we don't need to create the "hold" variable. It just makes it easier to see what is going on. But it isn't necessary:

```
mysplits = split(mtcars, mtcars$cyl)
par(mfrow=c(1,3)) # This relates to plotting
for (ii in 1:length(mysplits)) {
  plot(mysplits[[ii]]$wt, mysplits[[ii]]$mpg, pch = 18,
       main=paste("MPG vs. Weight for",
       names(mysplits[ii]), "cyl",sep=" "))
}
NOTE:
names(mysplits[1])
[1] "4"
names(mysplits[2])
[1] "6"
names(mysplits[3])
[1] "8"
```



Our loop indices do not have to be numeric. Consider the mtcars data frame. We can use the names of the columns to loop through things:

```
for (ii in names(mtcars)) {
  cat("column ",ii," of mtcars has a class of ",class(mtcars[,ii]),"\n")
       mpg of mtcars has a class of numeric
column
column cyl of mtcars has a class of numeric
column disp of mtcars has a class of numeric
column hp of mtcars has a class of numeric
column drat of mtcars has a class of numeric
column wt of mtcars has a class of numeric
column gsec of mtcars has a class of numeric
column vs of mtcars has a class of numeric
column am of mtcars has a class of numeric
column gear of mtcars has a class of numeric
column carb of mtcars has a class of numeric
This is the equivalent to the sapply(mtcars, class) command
```

```
set.seed(123)
mymat = matrix(round(rnorm(6),2),3,2)
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] -0.56 0.07
[2,] -0.23 0.13
[3,] 1.56 1.72
for (ii in 1:nrow(mymat)) {
 for (jj in 1:ncol(mymat)) {
  cat("The value at row",ii, "and column",jj, "is", mymat[ii,jj], "\n")
The value at row 1 and column 1 is -0.56
The value at row 1 and column 2 is 0.07
The value at row 2 and column 1 is -0.23
The value at row 2 and column 2 is 0.13
The value at row 3 and column 1 is 1.56
The value at row 3 and column 2 is 1.72
```

Let's say we wanted to sum all the rows:

```
[,1] [,2]
[1,] -0.56 0.07
[2,] -0.23 0.13
[3,] 1.56 1.72
rowtotal = 0
                              # initialize a variable to hold row total
for (ii in 1:nrow(mymat)) {
  for (jj in 1:ncol(mymat)) {
    rowtotal = rowtotal + mymat[ii,jj]
 print(rowtotal)
  rowtotal = 0
[1] -0.49
[1] -0.1
[1] 3.28
                    # same values as:
apply(mymat,1,sum)
[1] -0.49 -0.10 3.28
```

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Let's create a new matrix based on the old one. Here we subtract each element from the mean of its respective column:

```
set.seed(123)
mymat = matrix(round(rnorm(6),2),3,2)
newmat = matrix(rep(0,6),3,2) # Setup a new mat of the same size
for (jj in 1:ncol(mymat)) {
  for (ii in 1:nrow(mymat)) {
    newmat[ii,jj] = mymat[ii,jj] - mean(mymat[,jj])
newmat
           [,1] [,2]
[1,] -0.8166667 -0.57
[2,] -0.4866667 -0.51
[3,] 1.3033333 1.08
```

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Programming Structures - if

This is an easy structure. It tests for a conditions and, based on that, executes a specific block of code.

```
if (logical_expression) {
    do something
    ...
}
if (logical_expression) {
    do something
    ...
} else {
    do something else
    ...
}
```

Programming Structures - if

```
x = 3
Χ
[1] 3
if (is.numeric(x)) {
   print("x is a number")
}
[1] "x is a number"
if (x != 3) {
     print("x is not equal to 3")
} else {
    print("guess what ? x is in fact equal to 3")
[1] "guess what ? x is in fact equal to 3"
```

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This is an easy structure. It tests for a conditions and, based on that, executes a specific block of code.

```
if (some.num < 3) {  # A more involved if statement
    print("Less than 3")
} else if (some.num > 3) {
    print("Greater than 3")
} else {
    print("Must be equal to 3")
}
[1] "Must be equal to 3"
```

Programming Structures - error checking

Let's extend the example just a little bit to make sure that x and y are numeric as it doesn't make sense to check their identity unless the are both numbers. This is called "error checking" and we do it a lot when writing functions.

```
x=4 ; y=5

if (!is.numeric(x) | !is.numeric(y)) {
    stop("I need numeric values to do this")
} else {
    if (x == y) {
        print("Equal")
    } else {
        print("Not equal")
    }
}
```

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    stop("I need numeric values to do this")
} else {
    if (x == y) {
        print("Equal")
    } else {
        print("Not equal")
    }
}
Error: I need numeric values to do this
```

So if statements are usually part of some other structure - like within a for-loop: score = c(74,68,98,90,100,67,59)

```
for (ii in 1:length(score)) {
  if (score[ii] == 100) {
      grade = "A+"
  } else if (score[ii] >= 90) {
      grade = "A"
  } else if (score[ii] >= 80) {
      grade = "B"
  } else if (score[ii] >= 70) {
      grade = "C"
  } else if (score[ii] >= 60) {
      grade = "D"
  else {
    grade = "F"
  print(grade)
    "C"
    "D"
    "A"
    "A+"
    "D"
[1]
```

So if statements are usually part of some other structure - like within a for-loop:

```
set.seed(123)
x = round(runif(10,1,20))
[1] 6 16 9 18 19 2 11 18 11 10
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
    if (x[ii] \% 2 == 0) {
        print(TRUE)
    else {
        print(FALSE)
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE
[1] FALSE
[1] TRUE
[1] FALSE
[1] TRUE
[1] FALSE
[1] TRUE
[1] FALSE
[1] TRUE
```

We can mimic the bracket notation approach here:

```
set.seed(123)
x = round(runif(10,1,20))
[1] 7 13 16 8 13 19 9 11 13 11
logvec = vector() # Setup an empty vector
for (ii in 1:length(x)) {
   if (x[ii] \% 2 == 0) {
       logvec[ii] = TRUE
   else {
       logvec[ii] = FALSE
logvec
logvec
[1] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE
x[logvec]
[1] 6 16 18 2 18 10
```

One can easily "break" out of a for loop based on some condition. Normally you should clean your data before processing it but perhaps you thought you did. Let's say that you are processing elements of a vector and if you encounter a value of NA then you want to stop the for loop.

```
my.vec = c(1,2,3,NA,5,6,7,8,9,10)
for (ii in 1:length(my.vec)) {
    if (is.na(my.vec[ii])) {
        break
    }
    cat("element is ",ii,"\n")
}
element is 1
element is 2
element is 3
```

Here we want to "catch" the missing value and then "skip over it". To do this we would use the "next" statement.

```
my.vec = c(1,2,3,NA,5,6,7,8,9,10)
for (ii in 1:length(my.vec)) {
    if (is.na(my.vec[ii])) {
       next
   cat("element is ",ii,"\n")
element is 2
element is 3
element is 5
element is 6
element is 7
element is 8
element is 9
element is 10
```

You will see for-loops that contain other programming constructs such as if/else statements.

```
<= 0 > 0
Χ
f(x) | x^2 x^3
set.seed(123)
myvec = round(rnorm(10,1,2),2)
[1] -0.12 0.54 4.12 1.14 1.26 4.43 1.92 -1.53 -0.37 0.11
for (ii in 1:length(myvec)) {
  if (myvec[ii] <= 0) {</pre>
    myvec[ii] = myvec[ii]^2
  } else {
    myvec[ii] = myvec[ii]^3
myvec
[1] 0.014400 0.157464 69.934528 1.481544 2.000376 86.938307 7.077888
[8] 2.340900 0.136900 0.001331
```

Here is an example that will be useful when processing things like genetic sequences. Let's say we have a string of text we wish to "encode" by changing all vowels to something else. This isn't a tough code to break but let's see what is involved. In our code:

```
We'll change a to s,
e to t,
i to u,
o to v,
u to w

So a string like:

sequence = "Hello my name is Ed. Happy to meet you"

would come out like:
```

"Htllv my nsmt us td. Hsppy tv mttt yvw"

```
sequence = "Hello my name is Ed. Happy to meet you"
seq = unlist(strsplit(sequence,""))
[1] "H" "e" "l" "l" "o" " " "m" "v" " " "n" "a" "m" "e" " " "i" "s" " " "E"
"d" [20] "." " "H" "a" "p" "p" <sup>"</sup>y" " " "t" "o" " " "m" "e" "e" "t" " " "y"
"o" "u"
sequence = "Hello my name is Ed. Happy to meet you"
seq = unlist(strsplit(sequence,""))
for (ii in 1:length(seq)) {
         if ( seq[ii] == "a") {
               seq[ii] = "s"
         } else if (seq[ii] == "e") {
               sea[ii] = "t"
         and so on
# Use the "paste collapse" trick to get the character vector back into a
# string
"Htllv my nsmt us Ed. Hsppy tv mttt yvw"
```