

Workshop Activity 1

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Basic Functions and Calculations

1. Create an object (1D numeric vector) that contains all the *even numbers* from 1 to 10 (10 included). Name the object **even_10**.
2. Create an object (1D numeric vector) that contains all the *odd numbers* from 1 to 10. Name the object **odd_10**.
3. Create an object (1D numeric vector) that contains the multiplication between the respective elements of **even_10** and **odd_10**. Name the object **mult_10**. Additionally, calculate the sum of the elements of the **mult_10** object.

HINT: You can apply mathematical operations to vectors of the same length (Why same length?). Mathematical operations will be performed between the respective elements of each vector.

4. Calculate the *mean* of all of the numbers contained in the **even_10**, **odd_10**, and **mult_10** (so only 1 mean, not 3). Use the **mean()** function for this.

HINT: the **mean()** function only takes in one object at a time, maybe you can get creative with the **c()** function?

- 4.1. Calculate the same mean, but do so without using the **mean()** function! The mathematical formula for the mean is $Mean = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$, where the numerator is the sum of all of your values, and the denominator is how many values you have.

HINT: there is a function that you can use to count how many elements there are in an object.

5. Calculate the *standard deviation* of all of the numbers contained in the **even_10**, **odd_10**, and **mult_10** (so only 1 standard deviation, not 3). The same hint from above applies, but you will also need to find the function that calculates the standard deviation!

- 5.1. Calculate the same standard deviation without using the standard deviation function! The mathematical formula for the mean is $SD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}}$, where x_i represents every single values, \bar{x} represent the mean. You will also need to find the function that calculates the square root.

HINT: here you need to place parenthesis “()” to tell R the correct order of operations and functions.

Importing Data and Subsetting

6. Import the `mammal_sleep.csv` data set and name it `dat`. you can find the description of the variables in the data set here (<https://www.openintro.org/data/index.php?data=mammals>). Additionally, there is an extra variable, `primate`, that specifies whether the mammal is a primate or not. Explore the data either visually or with the `str()` function to get a better sense of what you are looking at!

7. The `summary()` function has MANY uses in R (the output is different depending on what object you use as input). When applied to a `data.frame` object, `summary()` calculates some descriptive statistics for numeric variables. Run the following code:

```
sum_tab <- summary(dat)
```

Now, extract *only* the means of the `BrainWt` and `TotalSleep` variables from the `sum_tab` object.

HINT: You can investigate what and how information is stored in the `sum_tab` object by just running `sum_tab`, which will print all of the store information. Additionally, note that this is a subsetting problem, so try to identify what the dimensions of the `sum_tab` object are (looking at the environment may help!).

8. How many animals in the data are primates?

HINT: I would look for a function that counts unique elements in a vector.

8.1. can you find a way to output *only* the number for primates?

HINT: This question has to do with dimensions and subsetting.

9. Can you create a new variable in the “dat” data set that is the proportion of body weight that brain weight takes up? That is. if body weight is 2 and brain weight is 0.2, then brain weight takes up .1 ($0.2/2 = .1$, or 10%) of the total body weight. Name the new variable `br_to_bd_weight`.

HINT 1: you should be able to calculate the proportion in a really short line of code, a hint for one of the previous questions may help you out!

HINT 2: you can create a new variable in a `data.frame` as follows:

```
# this is not runnable code, just a conceptual example  
  
name_of_data$new_variable <- the variable that you want to add to the data
```