

1.2 — Meet R — R Practice (Answers)

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Getting Set Up

Before we begin, start a new file with **File** → **New File** → **R Script**. As you work through this sheet in the console in R, also add (copy/paste) your commands that work into this new file. At the end, save it, and run to execute all of your commands at once.

Creating Objects

1. Work on the following parts:

a. Create a vector called `me` with two objects, your first name, and your last name.

```
me <- c("Ryan", "Safner")
```

b. Call the vector to inspect it.

```
me
```

```
## [1] "Ryan" "Safner"
```

c. Confirm it is a character class vector.

```
class(me)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

2. Use R's help functions to determine what the `paste()` function does. Then paste together your first name and last name.

```
?paste() # or help(paste)
```

```
# paste is a function that combines (concatenates) multiple string objects into a single object
paste("Ryan", "Safner")
```

```
## [1] "Ryan Safner"
```

```
# note you can choose how to separate string objects with the "sep" argument
# for example
```

```
paste("Ryan", "Safner", sep="") # no separation
```

```
## [1] "RyanSafner"
```

```
paste("Ryan", "Safner", sep=" ") # separate with a space " " (the default)
```

```
## [1] "Ryan Safner"
```

```
paste("Ryan", "Safner", sep="_") # separate with underscore
```

```
## [1] "Ryan_Safner"
```

3. Create a vector called `my_vector` with all the even integers from 2 to 10.

```
my_vector <- c(2,4,6,8,10)
```

```
# verify it worked
```

```
my_vector
```

```
## [1] 2 4 6 8 10
```

```
# alternatively, you can use the sequence function, seq()
```

```
# see the Class page for more about this function
```

```
my_vector <- seq(from = 2, # starting integer  
                to = 10, # ending integer  
                by = 2) # by 2's
```

```
# you can shorten it by not including the names of the arguments:
```

```
my_vector <- seq(2,10,2)
```

```
# verify it worked
```

```
my_vector
```

```
## [1] 2 4 6 8 10
```

4. Find the mean of `my_vector` with `mean()`.

```
mean(my_vector)
```

```
## [1] 6
```

5. Take all the integers from 18 to 763,¹ then get the mean.

```
# create a sequence of integers by 1 with starting_number:ending_number
```

```
# see Class 3 page for more
```

```
# you can do this all at once without making an object
```

```
mean(18:763)
```

```
## [1] 390.5
```

```
# alternatively you can save this as a vector and run the mean on it
```

```
vec1 <- 18:763
```

```
mean(vec1)
```

```
## [1] 390.5
```

¹Hint: use the `:` operator to create a sequence from a starting number to an ending number

Playing with Data

For the following questions, we will use the `diamonds` dataset, included as part of `ggplot2`.

6. Install `ggplot2`.

```
install.packages("ggplot2") # note the s and the quotes
```

7. Load `ggplot2` with the `library()` command.

```
library("ggplot2") # quotes not necessary, but can be used
```

8. Get the structure of the `diamonds` data frame. What are the different variables and what kind of data does each contain?

```
str(diamonds)

## tibble [53,940 x 10] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ carat   : num [1:53940] 0.23 0.21 0.23 0.29 0.31 0.24 0.24 0.26 0.22 0.23 ...
## $ cut     : Ord.factor w/ 5 levels "Fair"<"Good"<...: 5 4 2 4 2 3 3 3 1 3 ...
## $ color   : Ord.factor w/ 7 levels "D"<"E"<"F"<"G"<...: 2 2 2 6 7 7 6 5 2 5 ...
## $ clarity : Ord.factor w/ 8 levels "I1"<"SI2"<"SI1"<...: 2 3 5 4 2 6 7 3 4 5 ...
## $ depth   : num [1:53940] 61.5 59.8 56.9 62.4 63.3 62.8 62.3 61.9 65.1 59.4 ...
## $ table   : num [1:53940] 55 61 65 58 58 57 57 55 61 61 ...
## $ price   : int [1:53940] 326 326 327 334 335 336 336 337 337 338 ...
## $ x       : num [1:53940] 3.95 3.89 4.05 4.2 4.34 3.94 3.95 4.07 3.87 4 ...
## $ y       : num [1:53940] 3.98 3.84 4.07 4.23 4.35 3.96 3.98 4.11 3.78 4.05 ...
## $ z       : num [1:53940] 2.43 2.31 2.31 2.63 2.75 2.48 2.47 2.53 2.49 2.39 ...

# We have
# - carat: a number
# - cut: an ordered factor
# - color: an ordered factor
# - clarity: an ordered factor
# - depth: a number
# - table: a number
# - price: an integer
# - x: a number
# - y: a number
# - z: a number
```

9. Get summary statistics separately for `carat`, `depth`, `table`, and `price`.

```
summary(diamonds$carat)

##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
## 0.2000  0.4000  0.7000  0.7979  1.0400  5.0100

summary(diamonds$depth)

##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
## 43.00  61.00  61.80  61.75  62.50  79.00

summary(diamonds$table)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median      Mean 3rd Qu.      Max.
##    43.00   56.00   57.00   57.46   59.00   95.00
```

```
summary(diamonds$price)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median      Mean 3rd Qu.      Max.
##     326     950     2401     3933     5324    18823
```

10. color, cut, and clarity are categorical variables (factors). Use the table() command to generate frequency tables for each.

```
table(diamonds$color)
```

```
##
##      D      E      F      G      H      I      J
##  6775  9797  9542 11292  8304  5422  2808
```

```
table(diamonds$cut)
```

```
##
##      Fair      Good Very Good   Premium      Ideal
##     1610     4906     12082     13791     21551
```

```
table(diamonds$clarity)
```

```
##
##      I1   SI2   SI1   VS2   VS1   VVS2   VVS1   IF
##     741  9194 13065 12258  8171  5066  3655  1790
```

11. Now rerun the summary() command on the entire data frame.

```
summary(diamonds)
```

```
##      carat      cut      color      clarity      depth
##  Min.   :0.2000   Fair      : 1610   D: 6775   SI1      :13065   Min.   :43.00
##  1st Qu.:0.4000   Good      : 4906   E: 9797   VS2      :12258   1st Qu.:61.00
##  Median :0.7000   Very Good:12082   F: 9542   SI2      : 9194   Median :61.80
##  Mean    :0.7979   Premium   :13791   G:11292   VS1      : 8171   Mean    :61.75
##  3rd Qu.:1.0400   Ideal     :21551   H: 8304   VVS2     : 5066   3rd Qu.:62.50
##  Max.    :5.0100                      I: 5422   VVS1     : 3655   Max.    :79.00
##                                J: 2808   (Other): 2531
##
##      table      price      x      y
##  Min.   :43.00   Min.   : 326   Min.   : 0.000   Min.   : 0.000
##  1st Qu.:56.00   1st Qu.: 950   1st Qu.: 4.710   1st Qu.: 4.720
##  Median :57.00   Median : 2401   Median : 5.700   Median : 5.710
##  Mean    :57.46   Mean    : 3933   Mean    : 5.731   Mean    : 5.735
##  3rd Qu.:59.00   3rd Qu.: 5324   3rd Qu.: 6.540   3rd Qu.: 6.540
##  Max.    :95.00   Max.    :18823   Max.    :10.740   Max.    :58.900
##
##      z
##  Min.   : 0.000
##  1st Qu.: 2.910
##  Median : 3.530
##  Mean    : 3.539
##  3rd Qu.: 4.040
##  Max.    :31.800
##
```

12. Now look only at (subset) the first 4 diamonds in the dataset.

```
# remember, dataframes are indexed by: df[row#s, column#s]
diamonds[1:4,] # select first through fourth rows, all columns
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1  0.23 Ideal    E      SI2      61.5    55   326   3.95   3.98   2.43
## 2  0.21 Premium E      SI1      59.8    61   326   3.89   3.84   2.31
## 3  0.23 Good     E      VS1      56.9    65   327   4.05   4.07   2.31
## 4  0.29 Premium I      VS2      62.4    58   334   4.2    4.23   2.63
```

```
# alternatively
diamonds[c(1,2,3,4),] # using a vector-approach
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1  0.23 Ideal    E      SI2      61.5    55   326   3.95   3.98   2.43
## 2  0.21 Premium E      SI1      59.8    61   326   3.89   3.84   2.31
## 3  0.23 Good     E      VS1      56.9    65   327   4.05   4.07   2.31
## 4  0.29 Premium I      VS2      62.4    58   334   4.2    4.23   2.63
```

13. Now look only at (subset) the third and seventh diamond in the dataset.

```
diamonds[c(3,7),] # select 3rd and 7th row, all columns
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1  0.23 Good     E      VS1      56.9    65   327   4.05   4.07   2.31
## 2  0.24 Very Good I      VVS1      62.3    57   336   3.95   3.98   2.47
```

14. Now look only at (subset) the second column of the dataset.

```
diamonds[,2] # select all rows, 2nd column
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 1
##   cut
##   <ord>
## 1 Ideal
## 2 Premium
## 3 Good
## 4 Premium
## 5 Good
## 6 Very Good
## 7 Very Good
## 8 Very Good
## 9 Fair
## 10 Very Good
## # ... with 53,930 more rows
```

15. Do this again, but look using the \$ to pull up the second column by name.

```
# second column is called "cut"  
diamonds$cut # dont' run this, it'll print 53,000 rows!
```

16. Now look only at diamonds that have a carat greater than or equal to 1.

```
# use the [square brackets] to subset,  
# first argument (rows) are chosen by conditional:  
# - choose diamonds based on their carat, and only carats >= 1  
diamonds[diamonds$carat >= 1,] # select rows on condition, and all columns
```

```
## # A tibble: 19,060 x 10  
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z  
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>  <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1  1.17 Very Good J      I1      60.2    61  2774  6.83  6.9   4.13  
## 2  1.01 Premium  F      I1      61.8    60  2781  6.39  6.36  3.94  
## 3  1.01 Fair    E      I1      64.5    58  2788  6.29  6.21  4.03  
## 4  1.01 Premium H      SI2     62.7    59  2788  6.31  6.22  3.93  
## 5  1.05 Very Good J      SI2     63.2    56  2789  6.49  6.45  4.09  
## 6  1.05 Fair    J      SI2     65.8    59  2789  6.41  6.27  4.18  
## 7  1      Premium I      SI2     58.2    60  2795  6.61  6.55  3.83  
## 8  1.01 Fair    E      SI2     67.4    60  2797  6.19  6.05  4.13  
## 9  1.04 Premium G      I1      62.2    58  2801  6.46  6.41  4  
## 10 1      Premium J      SI2     62.3    58  2801  6.45  6.34  3.98  
## # ... with 19,050 more rows
```

17. Now look only at diamonds that have a VVS1 clarity.

```
# we are testing for equality, so we need two ==  
# we are selecting based on clarity, a character/factor, so we need quotes  
diamonds[diamonds$clarity=="VVS1",] # select rows on condition, and all columns
```

```
## # A tibble: 3,655 x 10  
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z  
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>  <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1  0.24 Very Good I      VVS1     62.3    57   336  3.95  3.98  2.47  
## 2  0.32 Ideal    I      VVS1     62     55.3  553  4.39  4.42  2.73  
## 3  0.24 Premium  E      VVS1     60.7    58   553  4.01  4.03  2.44  
## 4  0.24 Very Good D      VVS1     61.5    60   553  3.97  4     2.45  
## 5  0.26 Very Good E      VVS1     62.6    59   554  4.06  4.09  2.55  
## 6  0.26 Very Good E      VVS1     63.4    59   554  4     4.04  2.55  
## 7  0.26 Very Good D      VVS1     62.1    60   554  4.03  4.12  2.53  
## 8  0.26 Good     E      VVS1     57.9    60   554  4.22  4.25  2.45  
## 9  0.24 Premium  G      VVS1     62.3    59   554  3.95  3.92  2.45  
## 10 0.24 Premium  H      VVS1     61.2    58   554  4.01  3.96  2.44  
## # ... with 3,645 more rows
```

18. Now look only at diamonds that have a color of E, F, I, and J.

```
# same idea as last problem, except now we want one of any of these 4 colors
```

```
# first (tedious) way, a series of checking equality and using "OR"s (/)
```

```
diamonds[diamonds$color=="E" | diamonds$color=="F" | diamonds$color=="I" | diamonds$color=="J",] # sele
```

```
## # A tibble: 27,569 x 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price     x     y     z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 0.23 Ideal    E     SI2     61.5   55   326   3.95   3.98   2.43
## 2 0.21 Premium E     SI1     59.8   61   326   3.89   3.84   2.31
## 3 0.23 Good    E     VS1     56.9   65   327   4.05   4.07   2.31
## 4 0.29 Premium I     VS2     62.4   58   334   4.2    4.23   2.63
## 5 0.31 Good    J     SI2     63.3   58   335   4.34   4.35   2.75
## 6 0.24 Very Good J     VVS2     62.8   57   336   3.94   3.96   2.48
## 7 0.24 Very Good I     VVS1     62.3   57   336   3.95   3.98   2.47
## 8 0.22 Fair    E     VS2     65.1   61   337   3.87   3.78   2.49
## 9 0.3 Good    J     SI1     64     55   339   4.25   4.28   2.73
## 10 0.23 Ideal  J     VS1     62.8   56   340   3.93   3.9    2.46
## # ... with 27,559 more rows
```

```
# second (better) way, using group membership operator (%in%) and list the elements as a vector
diamonds[diamonds$color %in% c("E","F","I","J"),] # select rows on condition, and all columns
```

```
## # A tibble: 27,569 x 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price     x     y     z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 0.23 Ideal    E     SI2     61.5   55   326   3.95   3.98   2.43
## 2 0.21 Premium E     SI1     59.8   61   326   3.89   3.84   2.31
## 3 0.23 Good    E     VS1     56.9   65   327   4.05   4.07   2.31
## 4 0.29 Premium I     VS2     62.4   58   334   4.2    4.23   2.63
## 5 0.31 Good    J     SI2     63.3   58   335   4.34   4.35   2.75
## 6 0.24 Very Good J     VVS2     62.8   57   336   3.94   3.96   2.48
## 7 0.24 Very Good I     VVS1     62.3   57   336   3.95   3.98   2.47
## 8 0.22 Fair    E     VS2     65.1   61   337   3.87   3.78   2.49
## 9 0.3 Good    J     SI1     64     55   339   4.25   4.28   2.73
## 10 0.23 Ideal  J     VS1     62.8   56   340   3.93   3.9    2.46
## # ... with 27,559 more rows
```

19. Now look only at diamonds that have a carat greater than or equal to 1 and a VVS1 clarity.

```
# testing for two conditions (AND)
diamonds[diamonds$carat>=1 & diamonds$clarity=="VVS1",] # select rows on condition, and all columns
```

```
## # A tibble: 435 x 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price     x     y     z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 1 Good    I     VVS1     56.5   62  4445   6.58   6.55   3.71
## 2 1 Good    J     VVS1     63.5   59  4633   6.29   6.34   4.01
## 3 1 Very Good J     VVS1     63.5   59  4717   6.34   6.29   4.01
## 4 1.01 Premium H     VVS1     60.5   57  4955   6.55   6.48   3.94
## 5 1.01 Premium I     VVS1     62     59  4989   6.39   6.32   3.94
## 6 1.04 Premium H     VVS1     60.4   58  5102   6.58   6.53   3.96
## 7 1.01 Ideal  I     VVS1     61.7   56  5478   6.42   6.47   3.98
## 8 1.09 Very Good J     VVS1     63.9   56  5588   6.47   6.51   4.15
## 9 1.27 Premium J     VVS1     60.1   58  5761   7.06   6.99   4.22
## 10 1.21 Premium J     VVS1     61.3   59  5893   6.81   6.86   4.19
## # ... with 425 more rows
```

20. Get the average price of diamonds in question 18.²

```
# use command from last question as the argument to the mean function,
## but be sure that you look at the price, specifically

mean(diamonds$price[diamonds$carat>=1 & diamonds$color=="D" & diamonds$clarity=="VVS1"])

## [1] 13935.48
```

21. What is the highest price for a diamond with a 1.0 carat, D color, and VVS1 clarity?

```
max(diamonds$price[diamonds$carat>=1 & diamonds$color=="D" & diamonds$clarity=="VVS1"])

## [1] 17932
```

Execute your R Script

Save the R Script you created at the beginning and (hopefully) have been pasting all of your valid commands to. This creates a `.R` file wherever you choose to save it to. Now looking at the file in the upper left pane of *R Studio* look for the button in the upper right corner that says **Run**. Sit back and watch R redo everything you've carefully worked on, all at once.

Your `.R` file should look something like this:

```
# 1 -----

## a
me <- c("Ryan", "Safner")

## b
me

## c
class(me)

# 2 -----

?paste() # or help(paste)
# paste is a function that combines (concatenates) multiple string objects into a single object
paste("Ryan", "Safner")

# note you can choose how to separate string objects with the "sep" argument
# for example
paste("Ryan", "Safner", sep="") # no separation
paste("Ryan", "Safner", sep=" ") # separate with a space " " (the default)
paste("Ryan", "Safner", sep="_") # separate with underscore

# 3 -----

my_vector <- c(2,4,6,8,10)

# verify it worked
```

²Hints: use your subset command as an argument to the mean function. You will not need a comma here because you are looking for a single row.


```

my_vector
# alternatively, you can use the sequence function, seq()
# see the Class page for more about this function
my_vector <- seq(from = 2, # starting integer
                 to = 10, # ending integer
                 by = 2) # by 2's

# you can shorten it by not including the names of the arguments:
my_vector <- seq(2,10,2)

# verify it worked
my_vector

# 4 -----

mean(my_vector)

# 5 -----

# create a sequence of integers by 1 with starting_number:ending_number
# see Class 3 page for more

# you can do this all at once without making an object
mean(18:763)

# alternatively you can save this as a vector and run the mean on it
vec1 <- 18:763

mean(vec1)

# 6 -----

install.packages("ggplot2") # note the s and the quotes

# 7 -----

library("ggplot2") # quotes not necessary, but can be used

# 8 -----

str(diamonds)

# We have
# - carat: a number
# - cut: an ordered factor
# - color: an ordered factor
# - clarity: an ordered factor
# - depth: a number
# - table: a number
# - price: an integer
# - x: a number
# - y: a number

```

```

# - z: a number

# 9 -----

summary(diamonds$carat)
summary(diamonds$depth)
summary(diamonds$table)
summary(diamonds$price)

# 10 -----

table(diamonds$color)
table(diamonds$cut)
table(diamonds$clarity)

# 11 -----

summary(diamonds)

# 12 -----

# remember, dataframes are indexed by: df[row#s, column#s]
diamonds[1:4,] # select first through fourth rows, all columns

# alternatively
diamonds[c(1,2,3,4),] # using a vector-approach

# 13 -----

diamonds[c(3,7),] # select 3rd and 7th row, all columns

# 14 -----

diamonds[,2] # select all rows, 2nd column

# 15 -----

# second column is called "cut"
# diamonds$cut dont' run this, it'll print 53,000 rows!

# 16 -----

# use the [square brackets] to subset,
# first argument (rows) are chosen by conditional:
# - choose diamonds based on their carat, and only carats >= 1
diamonds[diamonds$carat >= 1,] # select rows on condition, and all columns

# 17 -----

# we are testing for equality, so we need two ==
# we are selecting based on clarity, a character/factor, so we need quotes
diamonds[diamonds$clarity=="VVS1",] # select rows on condition, and all columns

# 18 -----

```

```

# same idea as last problem, except now we want one of any of these 4 colors

# first (tedious) way, a series of checking equality and using "OR"s (|)
diamonds[diamonds$color=="E" | diamonds$color=="F" | diamonds$color=="I" | diamonds$color=="J",] # sele

# second (better) way, using group membership operator (%in%) and list the elements as a vector
diamonds[diamonds$color %in% c("E", "F", "I", "J"),] # select rows on condition, and all columns

# 19 -----

# testing for two conditions (AND)
diamonds[diamonds$carat>=1 & diamonds$clarity=="VVS1",] # select rows on condition, and all columns

# 20 -----

# use command from last question as the argument to the mean function
## but be sure that you look at the price, specifically
mean(diamonds$price[diamonds$carat>=1 & diamonds$color=="D" & diamonds$clarity=="VVS1"])

# 21 -----

max(diamonds$price[diamonds$carat>=1 & diamonds$color=="D" & diamonds$clarity=="VVS1"])

```