

Homework 1 - Report

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Question 1

The Iowa data set `iowa.csv` is a toy example that summarises the yield of wheat (bushels per acre) for the state of Iowa between 1930-1962. In addition to yield, year, rainfall and temperature were recorded as the main predictors of yield.

- a. First, we need to load the data set into R using the command `read.csv()`. Use the help function to learn what arguments this function takes. Once you have the necessary input, load the data set into R and make it a data frame called `iowa.df`.

Ans: We can use `help("read.csv")` to learn the parameters of the function. The first parameter is the file name, and it may change in different case. I save the file in the data folder, which is in the parent directory of this `.rmd` file, so I set the first parameter to `"../data/iowa.csv"`. `header = TRUE` means that the first row contains the names of the variables. `sep = ";"` means that the field separator is semicolon.

```
iowa.df <- read.csv("../data/iowa.csv", header=TRUE, sep = ";")
iowa.df
```

##	Year	Rain0	Temp1	Rain1	Temp2	Rain2	Temp3	Rain3	Temp4	Yield
## 1	1930	17.75	60.2	5.83	69.0	1.49	77.9	2.42	74.4	34.0
## 2	1931	14.76	57.5	3.83	75.0	2.72	77.2	3.30	72.6	32.9
## 3	1932	27.99	62.3	5.17	72.0	3.12	75.8	7.10	72.2	43.0
## 4	1933	16.76	60.5	1.64	77.8	3.45	76.4	3.01	70.5	40.0
## 5	1934	11.36	69.5	3.49	77.2	3.85	79.7	2.84	73.4	23.0
## 6	1935	22.71	55.0	7.00	65.9	3.35	79.4	2.42	73.6	38.4
## 7	1936	17.91	66.2	2.85	70.1	0.51	83.4	3.48	79.2	20.0
## 8	1937	23.31	61.8	3.80	69.0	2.63	75.9	3.99	77.8	44.6
## 9	1938	18.53	59.5	4.67	69.2	4.24	76.5	3.82	75.7	46.3
## 10	1939	18.56	66.4	5.32	71.4	3.15	76.2	4.72	70.7	52.2
## 11	1940	12.45	58.4	3.56	71.3	4.57	76.7	6.44	70.7	52.3
## 12	1941	16.05	66.0	6.20	70.0	2.24	75.1	1.94	75.1	51.0
## 13	1942	27.10	59.3	5.93	69.7	4.89	74.3	3.17	72.2	59.9
## 14	1943	19.05	57.5	6.16	71.6	4.56	75.4	5.07	74.0	54.7
## 15	1944	20.79	64.6	5.88	71.7	3.73	72.6	5.88	71.8	52.0
## 16	1945	21.88	55.1	4.70	64.1	2.96	72.1	3.43	72.5	43.5
## 17	1946	20.02	56.5	6.41	69.8	2.45	73.8	3.56	68.9	56.7
## 18	1947	23.17	55.6	10.39	66.3	1.72	72.8	1.49	80.6	30.5
## 19	1948	19.15	59.2	3.42	68.6	4.14	75.0	2.54	73.9	60.5
## 20	1949	18.28	63.5	5.51	72.4	3.47	76.2	2.34	73.0	46.1
## 21	1950	18.45	59.8	5.70	68.4	4.65	69.7	2.39	67.7	48.2
## 22	1951	22.00	62.2	6.11	65.2	4.45	72.1	6.21	70.5	43.1
## 23	1952	19.05	59.6	5.40	74.2	3.84	74.7	4.78	70.0	62.2
## 24	1953	15.67	60.0	5.31	73.2	3.28	74.6	2.33	73.2	52.9

```
## 25 1954 15.92 55.6 6.36 72.9 1.79 77.4 7.10 72.1 53.9
## 26 1955 16.75 63.6 3.07 67.2 3.29 79.8 1.79 77.2 48.4
## 27 1956 12.34 62.4 2.56 74.7 4.51 72.7 4.42 73.0 52.8
## 28 1957 15.82 59.0 4.84 68.9 3.54 77.9 3.76 72.9 62.1
## 29 1958 15.24 62.5 3.80 66.4 7.55 70.5 2.55 73.0 66.0
## 30 1959 21.72 62.8 4.11 71.5 2.29 72.3 4.92 76.3 64.2
## 31 1960 25.08 59.7 4.43 67.4 2.76 72.6 5.36 73.2 63.2
## 32 1961 17.79 57.4 3.36 69.4 5.51 72.6 3.04 72.4 75.4
## 33 1962 26.61 66.6 3.12 69.1 6.27 71.6 4.31 72.5 76.0
```

b. How many rows and columns does iowa.df have?

```
length(row.names(iowa.df))
```

```
## [1] 33
```

```
length(names(iowa.df))
```

```
## [1] 10
```

c. What are the names of the columns of iowa.df?

```
names(iowa.df)
```

```
## [1] "Year" "Rain0" "Temp1" "Rain1" "Temp2" "Rain2" "Temp3" "Rain3" "Temp4"
## [10] "Yield"
```

d. What is the value of row 5, column 7 of iowa.df?

```
iowa.df[5, 7]
```

```
## [1] 79.7
```

e. Display the second row of iowa.df in its entirety.

```
iowa.df[2, ]
```

```
##   Year Rain0 Temp1 Rain1 Temp2 Rain2 Temp3 Rain3 Temp4 Yield
## 2 1931 14.76 57.5 3.83    75 2.72 77.2 3.3 72.6 32.9
```

Question 2

Syntax and class-typing.

a. For each of the following commands, either explain why they should be errors, or explain the non-erroneous result.

```
vector1 <- c("5", "12", "7", "32")
max(vector1)
sort(vector1)
sum(vector1)
```

Ans:

- `c()` can combine values into a vector or list, so `vector1` will be a vector containing "5" "12" "7" "32".
- `max()` return the maximum of the input values. The type of input is character, which can be compare. So the command runs correctly and returns the maximum, which is "7".
- `sort()` can sort a vector into ascending order. The type of input is `character`, which can be compare. So the command runs correctly and sorts the vector, and outputs "12" "32" "5" "7".

- `sum()` can compute the sums of all the input values, but the character type can not be added, so the command will cause an error.

```
vector1 <- c("5", "12", "7", "32")
max(vector1)
```

```
## [1] "7"
```

```
sort(vector1)
```

```
## [1] "12" "32" "5"  "7"
```

```
#sum(vector1) #error
```

b. For the next series of commands, either explain their results, or why they should produce errors.

```
vector2 <- c("5",7,12)
vector2[2] + vector2[3]
```

```
dataframe3 <- data.frame(z1="5",z2=7,z3=12)
dataframe3[1,2] + dataframe3[1,3]
```

```
list4 <- list(z1="6", z2=42, z3="49", z4=126)
list4[[2]]+list4[[4]]
list4[2]+list4[4]
```

Ans:

- `c()` will combine all kinds of values, but the type of the values may change in order to compatibility. For example, Boolean variable will change its type when combined with integer variable, and integer variable will change its type when combined with double variable. In this command, the type of the elements in `vector2` will be character. Because the values of `vector2` is character, they can not be added. So the command will cause an error.
- `data.frame()` creates a data frame, and we can access the element at row `x` and column `y` by `dataframe3[x, y]`. Because `dataframe3[1, 2] = 7` and `dataframe3[1, 3] = 12`, the command will output 19.
- We can use `[]` and `[[[]]]` to access the elements in a list. `[[[]]]` drops names and structures, but `[]` does not. So `list4[[2]]+list4[[4]] = 42+126 = 168`, but `list4[2]+list4[4]` causes an error.

```
vector2 <- c("5",7,12)
#vector2[2] + vector2[3] #error
```

```
dataframe3 <- data.frame(z1="5",z2=7,z3=12)
dataframe3[1,2] + dataframe3[1,3]
```

```
## [1] 19
```

```
list4 <- list(z1="6", z2=42, z3="49", z4=126)
list4[[2]]+list4[[4]]
```

```
## [1] 168
```

```
#list4[2]+list4[4] #error
```

Question 3

Working with functions and operators.

- a. The colon operator will create a sequence of integers in order. It is a special case of the function `seq()` which you saw earlier in this assignment. Using the help command `?seq` to learn about the function, design an expression that will give you the sequence of numbers from 1 to 10000 in increments of 372. Design another that will give you a sequence between 1 and 10000 that is exactly 50 numbers in length.

Ans: From the help documentation, we can learn that `seq()` function accept many parameters. For example, the parameter `by` is the increment of the sequence, and the parameter `length.out` is the desired length of the sequence.

```
seq(1, 1000, by = 372)
```

```
## [1] 1 373 745
```

```
seq(1, 1000, length.out = 50)
```

```
## [1] 1.00000 21.38776 41.77551 62.16327 82.55102 102.93878
## [7] 123.32653 143.71429 164.10204 184.48980 204.87755 225.26531
## [13] 245.65306 266.04082 286.42857 306.81633 327.20408 347.59184
## [19] 367.97959 388.36735 408.75510 429.14286 449.53061 469.91837
## [25] 490.30612 510.69388 531.08163 551.46939 571.85714 592.24490
## [31] 612.63265 633.02041 653.40816 673.79592 694.18367 714.57143
## [37] 734.95918 755.34694 775.73469 796.12245 816.51020 836.89796
## [43] 857.28571 877.67347 898.06122 918.44898 938.83673 959.22449
## [49] 979.61224 1000.00000
```

- b. The function `rep()` repeats a vector some number of times. Explain the difference between `rep(1:3, times=3)` and `rep(1:3, each=3)`.

Ans: The parameter `times` is the number of the times that the whole vector is repeated, and the parameter `each` is the number of the times that each element of the input vector.

```
rep(1:3, times = 3)
```

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

```
rep(1:3, each = 3)
```

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

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The orings data frame gives data on the damage that had occurred in US space shuttle launches prior to the disastrous Challenger launch of 28 January 1986. The observations in rows 1, 2, 4, 11, 13, and 18 were included in the pre-launch charts used in deciding whether to proceed with the launch, while remaining rows were omitted.

Create a new data frame by extracting these rows from orings, and plot total incidents against temperature for this new data frame. Obtain a similar plot for the full data set.

Ans: We can load the `DAAG` package and get the orings data frame. Before we load `DAAG` package, we should load `lattice` package in advance, but RStudio can do it automatically. We can use `plot()` function to plot the figures asked.

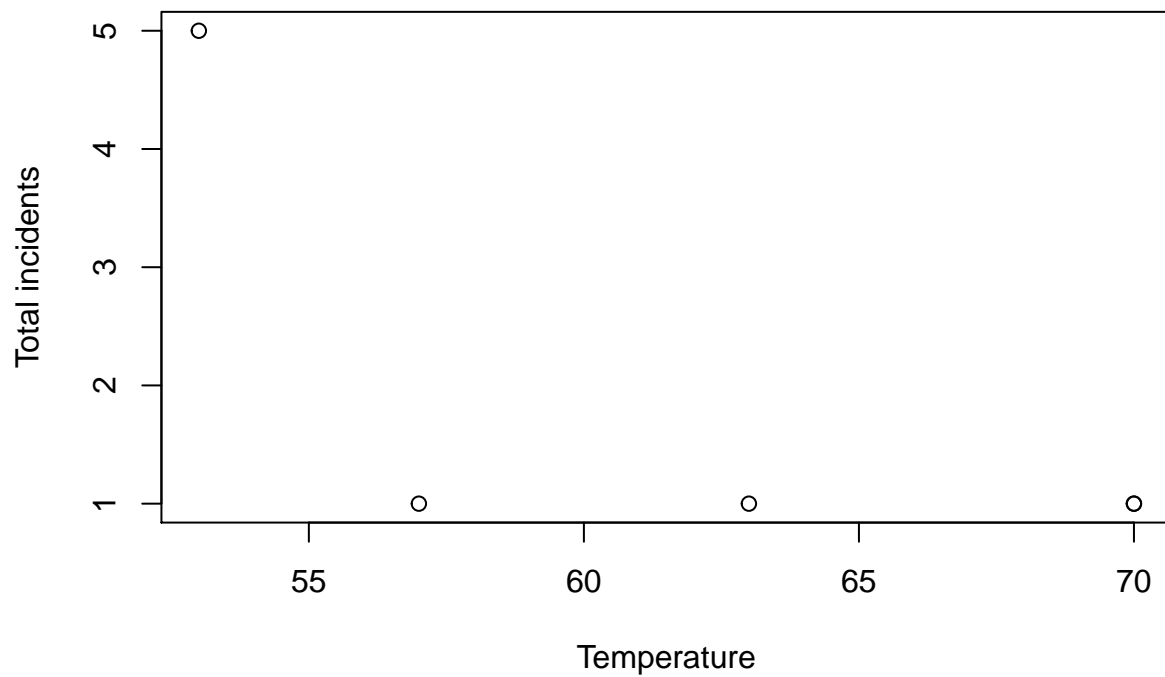
```
#library(lattice) #RStudio can also do this step
library(DAAG)
```

```
## Loading required package: lattice
```

```

orings <- DAAG::orings
dataframe1 <- orings[c(1, 2, 4, 11, 13), ]
plot(dataframe1[, 1], dataframe1[, 4],
      xlab = "Temperature", ylab = "Total incidents")

```



```

plot(orings[, 1], orings[, 4],
      xlab = "Temperature", ylab = "Total incidents")

```

