

# If/Else Statements & For Loops

# Boolean Expressions

**Boolean expressions:** expressions that are either true or false

Commands: use `==`, `!=`, `>`, `<`, `>=`, `<=`, or `or` to compare two expressions.

checks  
for  
equality

checks  
for  
"not  
equal to"

Smaller  
than

greater than  
Smaller  
than or  
equal to

greater  
than or  
equal to.

**Example 1:** Suppose you defined the following vectors:

`s <- 5`

`m <- 5`

What are the outputs if I ran the following lines of codes?

<b>Code</b>	<b>Output</b>
<code>s == m</code>	TRUE
<code>s &lt; m</code>	FALSE
<code>s != m</code>	FALSE
<code>s &gt;= m</code>	TRUE

Example 2: Suppose you defined the following vectors:

```
x <- c(4, 5, 6, 7) → 4 5 6 7  
y <- 4:7 → 4 5 6 7  
z <- c(4, 5, 7, 9) → 4 5 7 9
```

What are the outputs if I ran the following lines of codes?

When you compare vectors, it makes a comparison between corresponding elements

Code	Output
<code>x == y</code>	TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
<code>x == z</code>	TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
<code>x != z</code>	FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE
<code>x &gt; 6</code>	FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE
<code>x &lt;= 5</code>	TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE

# Conditional Statements

## If Statements

The “if” statement allows you to execute a block of code only if a given condition is true.

**Example 3:** What is the output when you run this code?

```
sky <- "sunny"  
if (sky == "sunny") {  
  print("Leave your umbrella at home!")  
}
```

**Output:** "Leave your umbrella at home!"

if(boolean expression){  
 code  
}  
↑  
code will run if boolean expression is TRUE.

What is the output when you change the first line to sky <- "cloudy"?

**Output:** (blank)

**Example 4:** Define a one element vector named *number* whose one element is 5. Write an if statement that prints “It’s a positive number” if the value of vector *number* is greater than 0. What is the output once you run these lines?

Code: `number <- 5  
if (number > 0) {  
 print("It's a positive number")  
}`

Output: "It's a positive number"

What is the output when you change the first line to `number <- -5`?

Output: (blank)

## If-Else Statements

The “if else” statement extends the “if” statement to execute different blocks of code based on whether a condition is true or false.

**Example 5:** What is the output when you run this code?

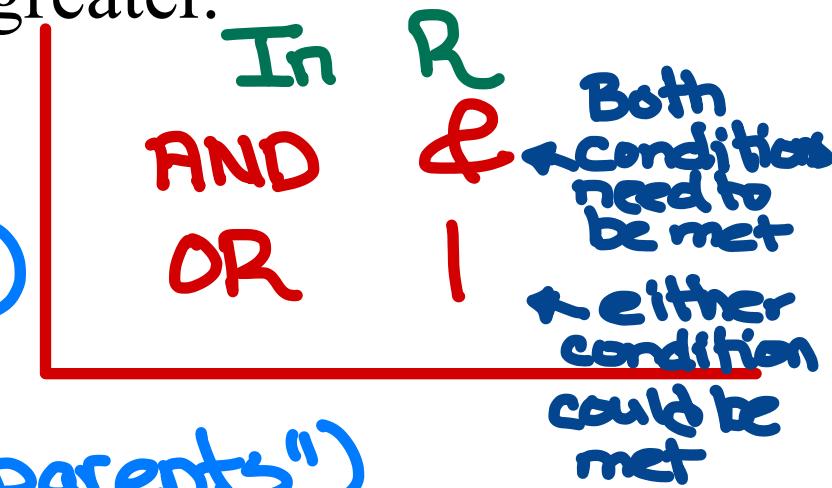
```
number <- -3  
if (number > 0) {  
  print("The number is positive.")  
} else if (number < 0) {  
  print("The number is negative.")  
} else {  
  print("The number is zero.")  
}
```

**Output:** "The number is negative"

**Example 6:** Define a one element vector named *age* whose one element is 18. Write an if-else statement about driving in Illinois. The statement should print “you are too young to drive” if the age is less than 16, “you need written consent from parents” if the age is between 16 and 17, and “no age restriction to get a license” if age is 18 or greater.

Code: *age <- 18*  
*if(age < 16){*  
    *print("you are too young to drive")*  
*} else if (age >= 16 & age <= 17){*  
    *print("you need consent from your parents")*  
*} else if (age >= 18){*  
    *print("no age restriction to get a license")*  
*}*

Output: "no age restriction to get a license"



## Ifelse Function ← use when vectors in your boolean expression

This is for when you want to use if else statements repeatedly to return a vector.

**Example 7:** What is the output when you run this code?

```
numbers <- c(-2, 3, 0, -5, 7)
positive_indicator<-ifelse(numbers>0, "Positive", "Not Positive")
numbers
positive_indicator
```

value it will  
↑ take if TRUE

↓  
Boolean  
expression

↓  
value it will  
take if FALSE

Output: -2 3 0 -5 7

"Not Positive"    "Positive"    "Not Positive"    "Not positive"  
"Positive"

**Example 8:** Define a vector named numbers\_2 with elements 5, -2, 0. Then define a new vector named eval\_5 using the ifelse function that tells you whether the numbers in numbers\_2 are greater or equal to 5 or smaller than 5.

Code: `numbers_2 <- c(5,-2,0)`

```
eval_5 <- ifelse(numbers_2 >= 5, "Greater or equal to 5",
                  "smaller than 5")
```

Output: "Greater or equal to 5"    "smaller than 5"  
"smaller than 5"

# For Loops

The basic structure of a for loop looks like this:

```
for (variable in sequence) {
```

**code to be executed in each iteration**

```
}
```

takes on each

value in the sequence  
per iteration

vector

1 2 3 4 5 (we have 5 elements,  
therefore we will have  
5 iterations)

Example 9: What is the output when you run this code?

```
for (i in 1:5){  
  print(i)  
}
```

Output: 1  
2  
3  
4  
5

Behind the scenes  
5 Iterations

1st Iteration i=1 → print(1)  
2nd Iteration i=2 → print(2)  
3rd Iteration i=3 → print(3)  
4th Iteration i=4 → print(4)  
5th Iteration i=5 → print(5)

3 elements, therefore 3 iterations

Example 10: What is the output when you run this code?

```
for (i in c(2, 3, 5)) {  
  print(i+1)  
}
```

Output: 3  
4  
6

Behind the scenes  
3 Iterations

1st Iteration  $i=2 \rightarrow \text{print}(3)$   
2nd Iteration  $i=3 \rightarrow \text{print}(4)$   
3rd Iteration  $i=5 \rightarrow \text{print}(6)$

**Example 11:** What is the output when you run this code?

```
for (i in c("Mike", "Mary", "Tom")){
  print(paste(i, "works at Loyola", sep = " - "))
}
```

Output: "Mike - works at Loyola"  
"Mary - works at Loyola"  
"Tom - works at Loyola"

Behind the scenes  
3 Iterations

1st It. i = "Mike" → "Mike - work.."  
2nd It. i = "Mary" → "Mary - work.."  
3rd It. i = "Tom" → "Tom - work.."

**Example 12:** Create a character vector called student\_names that contains the elements “Rohan”, “Ana”, and “Amir”. Then create a for loop to print the following information:

Student 1 is Rohan

Student 2 is Ana

Student 3 is Amir

Code: `student_names <- c("Rohan", "Ana", "Amir")  
for(i in 1:3) {  
 print(paste("Student", i, "is", student_names[i],  
 sep = " "))}`

Output: `Student 1 is Rohan  
Student 2 is Ana  
Student 3 is Amir`

Example 13: Doing computations with for loops. What is the output when you run this code?

```
x <- matrix(c(9, 0, 3, 17, 5, 2), ncol = 3, byrow = FALSE)  
y<-NA ← place holder, opens the vector y.  
for(i in 1:3){  
  y[i] <- mean(x[,i])  
}  
y
```

Output: 4.5 10 3.5

9	3	5
0	17	2

3 iterations  
1st : i=1 ; y[1]<-mean(x[,1])

will compute the  
mean of column 1  
in matrix m and  
will save it in the  
1st element of vector  
y

