

# If/Else Statements & For Loops

# Boolean Expressions

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

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

checks  
for  
equality

checks  
for  
"not  
equal to"

Smaller  
than

greater  
than or  
equal to.

greater than

Smaller  
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?

Code	Output
s == m	TRUE
s < m	FALSE
s != m	FALSE
s >= m	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!")
```

```
}
```

if (boolean expression){  
code  
}

↑  
code will run  
if boolean  
expression  
is TRUE.

Output: "Leave your umbrella at home!"

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?

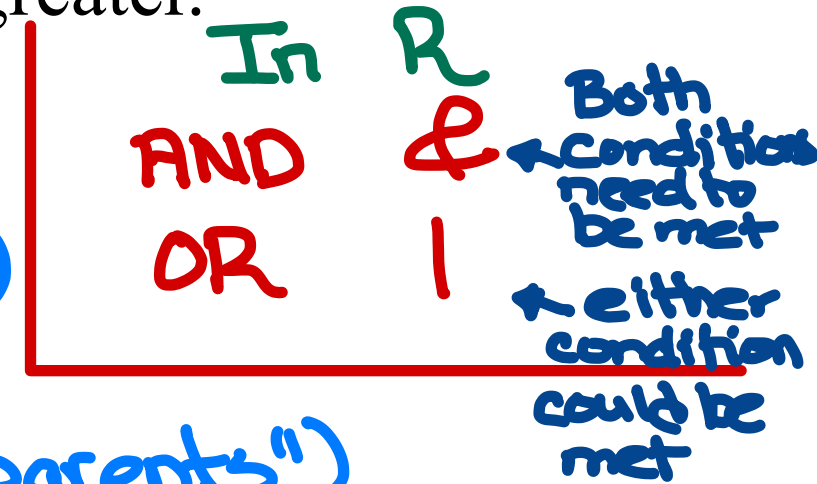
```
number <- -3
if (number > 0) {
  print("The number is positive.")
} else if (number < 0) {
  print("The number is negative.")
} else {
  print("The number is zero.")
}
```

**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
```

Boolean  
expression

value it will  
take if TRUE

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

takes on each

↑ value in the sequence  
per iteration

vector

The basic structure of a for loop looks like this:

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

```
    code to be executed in each iteration
```

```
}
```

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

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

**Output:** 1  
2  
3  
4  
5

1 2 3 4 5

(we have 5 elements,  
therefore we will have  
5 iterations)

Behind the scenes  
5 Iterations

1<sup>st</sup> Iteration  $i=1 \rightarrow \text{print}(1)$

2<sup>nd</sup> Iteration  $i=2 \rightarrow \text{print}(2)$

3<sup>rd</sup> Iteration  $i=3 \rightarrow \text{print}(3)$

4<sup>th</sup> Iteration  $i=4 \rightarrow \text{print}(4)$

5<sup>th</sup> Iteration  $i=5 \rightarrow \text{print}(5)$

**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

3 elements, therefore 3 iterations

Behind the scenes  
3 Iterations

	i	i+1
1 <sup>st</sup> Iteration	i = 2	→ print(3)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Iteration	i = 3	→ print(4)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Iteration	i = 5	→ 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
```

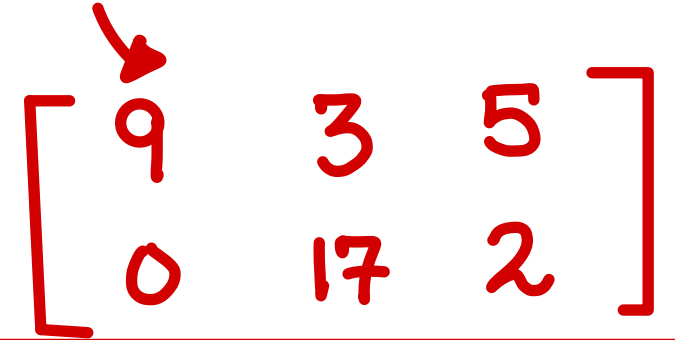
**Example 13:** Doing computations with for loops. What is the output when you run this code?

```
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



A handwritten matrix representation of the matrix x. It is a 2x3 matrix with values 9, 3, 5 in the first row and 0, 17, 2 in the second row. A red arrow points from the text 'place holder, opens the vector y.' to the first element '9'.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 9 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 17 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

3 iterations

1<sup>st</sup>:  $i = 1$ ;  $y[1] \leftarrow \text{mean}(x[,1])$

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

⋮

