

Lecture 2: Communicating and Programming in R

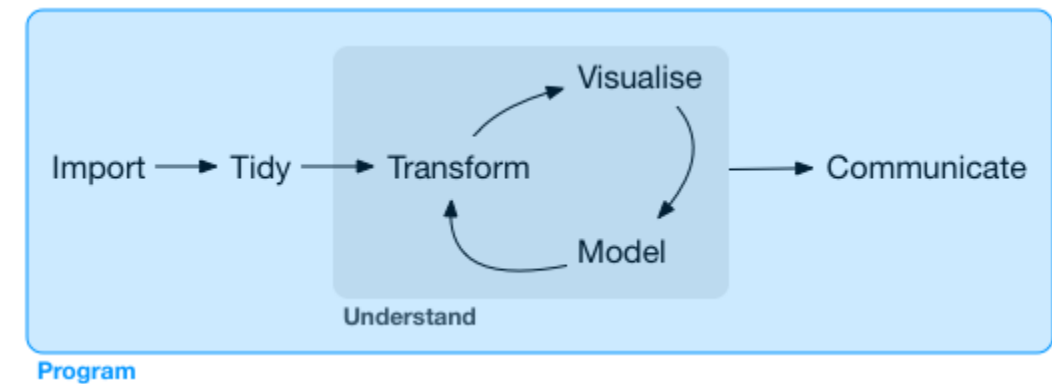
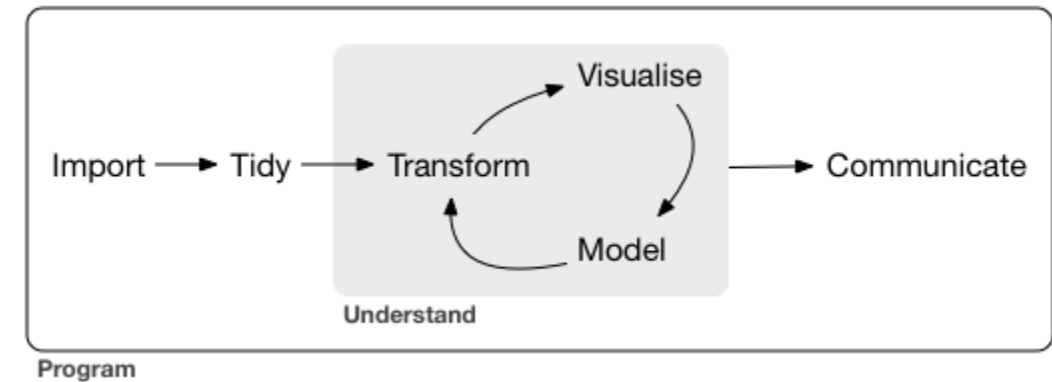
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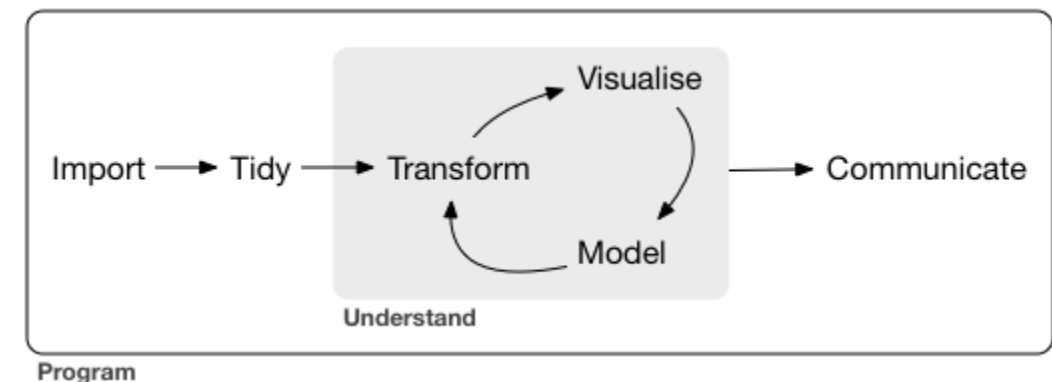


Data Science

Data Science Workflow

Data science is an exciting discipline that allows you to turn raw data into understanding, insight, and knowledge. ¹

1. Import
2. Wrangle (tidy & transform)
3. Visualize
4. Model
5. Communicate



tidyverse

The tidyverse is an opinionated collection of R packages designed for data science. All packages share an underlying design philosophy, grammar, and data structures. ²

tidyverse includes packages for **importing, wrangling, exploring and modeling data.**

The system is intended to make data scientists more productive. To use tidyverse do the following:

```
# Install the package  
install.packages("tidyverse")  
# Load it into memory  
library("tidyverse")
```



The `tibble` package

The `tibble` package is part of the core `tidyverse`.

Tibbles are a modern take on data frames. They keep the features that have stood the test of time, and drop the features that used to be convenient but are now frustrating.



`tibbles` are data frames, tweaked to make life a little easier. Unlike regular `data.frames` they:

- never change the type of the inputs (e.g. do not convert strings to factors!)
- never changes the names of variables
- never creates `row.names()`
- only recycles inputs of length 1

Using `tibbles`

To use functions from `tibble` and other `tidyverse` packages:

```
# load it into memory  
library(tidyverse)
```

Printing `tibble` is much nicer, and always fits into your window:

```
# e.g. a built-in dataset 'diamonds' is a tibble:  
class(diamonds)
```

```
## [1] "tbl_df"      "tbl"        "data.frame"
```

```
diamonds
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 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 0.290 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 0.26 Very Good H      SI1     61.9    55    337  4.07  4.11  2.53  
## 9 0.22 Fair     E      VS2     65.1    61    337  3.87  3.78  2.49  
## 10 0.23 Very Good H      VS1     59.4    61    338  4     4.05  2.39  
## # ... with 53,930 more rows
```

Using tibbles

Creating **tibbles** is similar to `data.frames`, but no strict rules on column names:

```
(tb <- tibble(x = 1:5, y = 1, z = x ^ 2 + y, `:`) = "smile"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 4
##       x     y     z `:`) `
##   <int> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
## 1     1     1     2 smile
## 2     2     1     5 smile
## 3     3     1    10 smile
## 4     4     1    17 smile
## 5     5     1    26 smile
```

Subsetting tibbles is stricter than subsetting `data.frames`, and **ALWAYS** returns objects with expected class: a single `[` returns a `tibble`, a double `[[` returns a vector.

```
class(diamonds$carat)
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
class(diamonds[["carat"]])
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
class(diamonds[, "carat"])
```

```
## [1] "tbl_df"      "tbl"        "data.frame"
```


More on `tibble`s

You can read more about other `tibble` features by calling on your R console:

```
vignette("tibble")
```

Communicating with R Markdown

R Markdown

R Markdown provides a unified authoring framework for data science, combining your code, its results, and your prose commentary.

R Markdown was designed to be used:

- for communicating your conclusions with people who do not want to focus on the code behind the analysis.
- for collaborating with other data scientists, interested in both conclusions, and the code.
- as a modern day lab notebook for data science, where you can capture both your work and your thought process.



R Markdown source files

R Markdown files are a plain text files with “.Rmd” extension.

```
---  
title: "Title of my first document"  
date: "2018-09-27"  
output: html_document  
---
```

```
# Section title
```

```
```{r chunk-name, include = FALSE}  
library(tidyverse)
summary(cars)
```
```

```
## Subsection title
```

```
```{r pressure, echo=FALSE}  
plot(pressure)
```
```

Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.

The documents must contain **YAML header** marked with dashes. You can ass both **code chunks** and **plain text**. Sections and subsections are marked with hashtags.

Compiling R Markdown files

To produce a complete report containing all text, code, and results:

- In RStudio, click on “Knit” or press `Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + K`.
- From the R command line, type `rmarkdown::render(“filename.Rmd”)`

This will display the report in the viewer pane, and create a self-contained HTML file that you can share with others.

After compiling the R Markdown document from the previous slide, you get [this html](#).

Viewing the report in RStudio

The screenshot displays the RStudio interface with a file named `test_rmd.rmd` open. The editor shows R Markdown code with several chunks. The first chunk sets document metadata, the second loads the `tidyverse` package and summarizes cars, and the third plots the `pressure` dataset. A note is included in the code explaining the `echo = FALSE` parameter.

The rendered report on the right shows the following content:

Title of my first document

2018-09-27

Section title

Subsection title

The plot shows a scatter of data points with 'temperature' on the x-axis (0 to 350) and 'pressure' on the y-axis (0 to 800). The data points show a clear upward trend, indicating that as temperature increases, pressure also increases.

Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.

```
1 ---
2 title: "Title of my first document"
3 date: "2018-09-27"
4 output: html_document
5 ---
6
7 # Section title
8
9 ```{r chunk-name, include = FALSE}
10 library(tidyverse)
11 summary(cars)
12 ```
13
14 ## Subsection title
15
16 ```{r pressure, echo=FALSE}
17 plot(pressure)
18 ```
19
20 Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to
21 prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.
22
```

YAML header

A YAML header is a set of `key: value` pairs at the start of your file. Begin and end the header with a line of three dashes (`- - -`), e.g.

```
---  
title: "Untitled"  
author: "Anonymous"  
output: html_document  
---
```

You can tell R Markdown what type of document you want to render: `html_document` (default), `pdf_document`, `word_document`, `beamer_presentation` etc.

You can print a table of contents (toc) with the following:

```
---  
title: "Untitled"  
author: "Anonymous"  
output:  
  html_document:  
    toc: true  
---
```

Text in R Markdown

In “.Rmd” files, prose is written in Markdown, a lightweight markup language with plain text files formatting syntax.

Section headers/titles:

```
# 1st Level Header  
## 2nd Level Header  
### 3rd Level Header
```

Text formatting:

```
*italic* or italic  
**bold**  bold  
  
`code`  
superscript2 and subscript2
```


Text in R Markdown

Lists:

```
* unordered list
* item 2
  + sub-item 1
  + sub-item 2

1. ordered list
1. item 2. The numbers are incremented automatically in the output.
```

Links and images:

```
<http://example.com>

[linked phrase](http://example.com)

![optional caption text](path/to/img.png)
```

Text in R Markdown

Tables:

```
Table Header	Second Header
Cell 1      | Cell 2
Cell 3      | Cell 4
```

Math formulae

```
 $\alpha$ is the first letter of the Greek alphabet.
Using $$ prints a centered equation in the new line.
 $$\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} = \frac{\gamma}{2}$$
```

Code chunks

In R Markdown R code must go inside code chunks, e.g.:

```
```${r chunk-name}
 x <- runif(10)
 y <- 10 * x + 4
 plot(x, y)
```
```

Keyboard shortcuts:

- Insert a new code chunk: **Ctrl/Cmd + Alt + I**
- Run current chunk: **Ctrl/Cmd + Shift + Enter**
- Run current line (where the cursor is): **Ctrl/Cmd + Enter**

Chunk Options:

Chunk output can be customized with options supplied to chunk header. Some non-default options are:

- `eval = FALSE` : prevents code from being evaluated
- `include = FALSE` : runs the code, but hides code and its output in the final document
- `echo = FALSE` : hides the code, but not the results, in the final document
- `message = FALSE` : hides messages
- `warning = FALSE` : hides warnings
- `results = 'hide'` : hides printed output
- `fig.show = 'hide'` : hides plots
- `error = TRUE` : does not stop rendering if error occurs

Inline code

You can evaluate R code in a middle of your text:

```
There are 26 in the alphabet, and 12 months in each year.  
Today, there are `as.Date("2019-08-23") - Sys.Date()` days left till my next birthday.
```

There are 26 in the alphabet, and 12 months in a year. Today, there are 325 days left till my next birthday.

More on R Markdown

R Markdown is relatively young, and growing rapidly.

Official R Markdown website: (<http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>)

Further reading and references:

- <https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown/>
- <http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~cshalizi/rmarkdown>
- <https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/>

Some R Markdown advice

- See your future self as a collaborator.
- Ensure each notebook has a descriptive title and name.
- Use the header date to record start time
- Keep track of failed attempts
- If you discover an error in a data file, write code to fix it.
- Regularly knit the notebook
- Use random seeds before sampling.
- Keep track the versions of the packages you use, e.g. by including `sessionInfo()` command at the end of your document.

All the above will help you increase the reproducibility of your work.

Programming: *style* guide

Naming conventions

The first step of programming is naming things.

In the “Hadley Wickam” [R style convention](#):

File names are meaningful. Script files end with “.R”, and R Markdown with “.Rmd”

```
# Good  
fit-models.R  
utility-functions.R
```

```
# Bad (works but does not follow style convention)  
foo.r  
stuff.r
```

Variable and function names are lowercase.

```
# Good  
day_one  
day_1
```

```
# Bad (works but does not follow style convention)  
first_day_of_the_month  
DayOne
```

Spacing

Spacing around all infix operators (=, +, -, <-, etc.):

```
average <- mean(feet / 12 + inches, na.rm = TRUE)    # Good  
average<-mean(feet/12+inches,na.rm=TRUE)           # Bad
```

Spacing before left parentheses, except in a function call

```
# Good  
if (debug) do(x)  
plot(x, y)  
  
# Bad  
if(debug)do(x)  
plot (x, y)
```

```
# Good  
x <- 1 + 2
```

Assignment use '<-' not '=':

```
# Bad (works but does not follow style convention)  
x = 1 + 2
```

Curly braces

- An opening curly brace “{” should not go on its own line and be followed by a new line.
- A closing curly “}” brace can go on its own line.
- Indent the code inside curly braces.
- It’s ok to leave very short statements on the same line

```
# Good  
if (y < 0 && debug) {  
    message("Y is negative")  
}  
if (y == 0) {  
    log(x)  
} else {  
    y ^ x  
}
```

```
# Bad  
if (y < 0 && debug)  
message("Y is negative")  
  
if (y == 0) {  
    log(x)  
}  
else {  
    y ^ x  
}
```

```
if (y < 0 && debug) message("Y is negative")
```

Comments and documentation

Comment your code!

```
# 'get_answer' returns the answer to life, the universe and everything else.  
get_answer <- function() { return(42)} # This is a comment
```

Comments are not subtitles, i.e. don't repeat the code in the comments.

```
# Bad comments:  
# Loop through all bananas in the bunch  
for(banana in bunch) {  
  # make the monkey eat one banana  
  MonkeyEat(b)  
}
```

Use dashes to separate blocks of code:

```
# Generate Data -----  
x <- rnorm(100)  
y <- 12 * x + 5  
  
# Plot Data -----  
plot(x, y)
```

Programming: control flow

Booleans/logicals

Booleans are logical data types (TRUE/FALSE) associated with conditional statements, which allow different actions and change control flow.

```
# equal "=="  
5 == 5
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
# not equal: "!="  
5 != 5
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
# greater than: ">"  
5 > 4
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
# greater than or equal: ">=" (# similarly < ar  
5 >= 5
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
# You can combine multiple boolean expressions  
TRUE & TRUE
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
TRUE & FALSE
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
TRUE | FALSE
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
!(TRUE)
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

Booleans/logicals

In R if you combine 2 vectors of booleans, by each element then use `&`. Remember the **recycling property** for vectors.

```
c(TRUE, TRUE) & c(FALSE, TRUE)
```

```
## [1] FALSE TRUE
```

```
c(5 < 4, 7 == 0, 1 < 2) | c(5==5, 6 > 2, !FALSE)
```

```
## [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

```
c(TRUE, TRUE) & c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE) # recycling
```

```
## [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

Booleans/logicals

If we use double operators `&&` or `||` is used only the first elements are compared:

```
c(TRUE, TRUE) && c(FALSE, TRUE)
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
c(5 < 4, 7 == 0, 1 < 2) || c(5==5, 6 > 2, !FALSE)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
c(TRUE, TRUE) && c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```


Booleans/logicals

- Another possibility to combine booleans is to use `all()` or `any()` functions:

```
all(c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
any(c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
all(c(5 > -1, 3 >= 1, 1 < 1))
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
any(c(5 > -1, 3 >= 1, 1 < 1))
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

Control statements

- **Control flow** is the order in which individual statements, instructions or function calls of a program are evaluated.
- Control statements allow you to do more complicated tasks.
- Their execution results in a choice between which of two or more paths should be followed.
 - If / else
 - For
 - While

If statements

- Decide on whether a block of code should be executed based on the associated boolean expression.
- **Syntax.** The if statements are followed by a boolean expression wrapped in parenthesis. The conditional block of code is inside curly braces {}.

```
if (traffic_light == "green") {  
    print("Go.")  
}
```

- 'if-else' statements let you introduce more options

```
if (traffic_light == "green") {  
    print("Go.")  
} else {  
    print("Stay.")  
}
```

- You can also use `else if()`

```
if (traffic_light == "green") {  
    print("Go.")  
} else if (traffic_light == "yellow") {  
    print("Get ready.")  
} else {  
    print("Stay.")  
}
```

Switch statements

For very long sequence of if statements, use the `switch()` function

```
operator <- function(x, y, op) {  
  switch(as.character(op),  
    '+' = x + y,  
    '-' = x - y,  
    '*' = x * y,  
    '/' = x / y,  
    stop("Unknown op!")  
  )  
}
```

```
operator(2, 7, '+')
```

```
## [1] 9
```

```
operator(2, 7, '-')
```

```
## [1] -5
```

```
operator(2, 7, '/')
```

```
## [1] 0.2857143
```

```
operator(2, 7, "a")
```

```
## Error in operator(2, 7, "a"): Unknown op!
```

For loops

- A for loop is a statement which **repeats the execution a block of code** a given number of iterations.

```
for (i in 1:5){  
  print(i^2)  
}
```

```
## [1] 1  
## [1] 4  
## [1] 9  
## [1] 16  
## [1] 25
```

While loops

- Similar to for loops, but repeat the execution as long as **the boolean condition supplied is TRUE**.

```
i = 1
while(i <= 5) {
  cat("i =", i, "\n")
  i = i + 1
}
```

```
## i = 1
## i = 2
## i = 3
## i = 4
## i = 5
```

Next

- `next` halts the processing of the current iteration and advances the looping index.

```
for (i in 1:10) {  
  if (i <= 5) {  
    print("skip")  
    next  
  }  
  cat(i, "is greater than 5.\n")  
}
```

```
## [1] "skip"  
## [1] "skip"  
## [1] "skip"  
## [1] "skip"  
## [1] "skip"  
## 6 is greater than 5.  
## 7 is greater than 5.  
## 8 is greater than 5.  
## 9 is greater than 5.  
## 10 is greater than 5.
```

- `next` applies only to the innermost of nested loops.

```
for (i in 1:3) {  
  cat("Outer-loop i: ", i, ".\n")  
  for (j in 1:4) {  
    if(j > i) {  
      print("skip")  
      next  
    }  
    cat("Inner-loop j:", j, ".\n")  
  }  
}
```

```
## Outer-loop i: 1 .  
## Inner-loop j: 1 .  
## [1] "skip"  
## [1] "skip"  
## [1] "skip"  
## Outer-loop i: 2 .  
## Inner-loop j: 1 .  
## Inner-loop j: 2 .  
## [1] "skip"  
## [1] "skip"  
## Outer-loop i: 3 .  
## Inner-loop j: 1 .  
## Inner-loop j: 2 .  
## Inner-loop j: 3 .  
## [1] "skip"
```

Break

- The `break` statement allows us to break out of a `for`, `while` loop (of the smallest enclosing).
- The control is transferred to the first statement outside the inner-most loop.

```
for (i in 1:10) {  
  if (i == 6) {  
    print(paste("Coming out from for loop where i = ", i))  
    break  
  }  
  print(paste("i is now: ", i))  
}
```

```
## [1] "i is now: 1"  
## [1] "i is now: 2"  
## [1] "i is now: 3"  
## [1] "i is now: 4"  
## [1] "i is now: 5"  
## [1] "Coming out from for loop where i = 6"
```


Exercise 1

- Go to “Lec2_Exercises.Rmd” in RStudio.
- Do Exercise 1.

Programming: functions

What is a function in R?

- A **function** is a procedure/routine that performs a specific task.
- Functions are used to **abstract** components of larger program.
- Similarly to mathematical functions, they **take some input and then do something to find the result**.
- Functions allow you to **automate common tasks** in a more powerful and general way than copy-and-pasting.
- **If you've copied and pasted a block of code more than twice, you should use a function instead.**

Why should you use functions?

Functions become very useful as soon as your code becomes long enough.

- Functions will make your **code easier to understand**.
- Errors are less likely to occur and easier to fix.
- For repeated tasks, **changes can be made once** by editing a function and not many distant chunks of code. Example:

```
set.seed(1)
a <- rnorm(10); b <- rnorm(10); c <- rnorm(10); d <- rnorm(10)
# Bad
a <- (a - min(a, na.rm = TRUE)) /
  (max(a, na.rm = TRUE) - min(a, na.rm = TRUE))
b <- (b - min(b, na.rm = TRUE)) /
  (max(b, na.rm = TRUE) - min(b, na.rm = TRUE))
c <- (c - min(c, na.rm = TRUE)) /
  (max(b, na.rm = TRUE) - min(c, na.rm = TRUE))
d <- (d - min(d, na.rm = TRUE)) /
  (max(d, na.rm = TRUE) - min(d, na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
# Good
rescale_data <- function(x) {
  rng <- range(x, na.rm = TRUE)
  return((x - rng[1]) / (rng[2] - rng[1]))
}
a <- rescale_data(a)
b <- rescale_data(b)
c <- rescale_data(c)
d <- rescale_data(d)
```

Function Definition

- To define a function you assign a variable name to a `function` object.
- Functions take **arguments, mandatory and optional**.
- Provide the brief **description of your function in comments** before the function definition.

```
# Computes mean and standard deviation of a vector,  
# and optionally prints the results.  
summarize_data <- function(x, print=FALSE) {  
  center <- mean(x)  
  spread <- sd(x)  
  if (print) {  
    cat("Mean =", center, "\n",  
        "SD   =", spread, "\n")  
  }  
  list(mean=center, sd=spread)  
}
```

Calling functions

```
# without printing  
x <- rnorm(n = 500, mean = 4, sd = 1)  
y <- summarize_data(x)
```

```
# with printing  
y <- summarize_data(x, print = TRUE)
```

```
## Mean = 4.009679  
## SD = 1.01561
```

```
# Results are stored in list "y"  
y$mean
```

```
## [1] 4.009679
```

```
y$sd
```

```
## [1] 1.01561
```

```
# The order of arguments does not matter if the names are specified  
y <- summarize_data(print=FALSE, x = x)
```

Explicit return statements

The value returned by the function is usually the last statement it evaluates. You can choose to return early by using `return ()`; this makes your code easier to read.

```
# Complicated function simplified by the use of early return statements
complicated_function <- function(x, y, z) {
  # Check some condition
  if (length(x) == 0 || length(y) == 0) {
    return(0)
  }
  # Complicated code here
}
```

Returning invisible objects can be done with `invisible()`

```
show_missings <- function(df) {
  cat("Missing values:", sum(is.na(df)), "\n")
  invisible(df)      # this result doesn't get printed out
}
```

```
show_missings(mtcars)
```

```
## Missing values: 0
```

```
dim(show_missings(mtcars))
```

```
## Missing values: 0
```

```
## [1] 32 11
```

Environment

The environment of a function controls how R finds an object associated with a name.

```
f <- function(x) {  
  x + y  
}
```

R uses rules called lexical scoping to find the value associated with a name. Here, R will look for `y` in the environment where the function was defined

```
y <- 100  
f(10)
```

```
## [1] 110
```

This behaviour attracts bugs. You should try to **avoid using global variables**.

apply, lapply, sapply functions

- The `app \bar{l} y` family functions, are **functions which manipulate slices of data** stored as matrices, arrays, lists and data-frames **in a repetitive way**.
- These functions **avoid the explicit use of loops**, and might be **more computationally efficient**, depending on how big a dataset is. For more details on runtimes see this [link](#).
- `app \bar{l} y` allow you to perform operations with **very few lines of code**.
- The family comprises: **apply, lapply, sapply, vapply, mapply, rapply, and tapply**. The difference lies in the structure of input data and the desired format of the output).

apply function

apply operates on arrays/matrices.

In the example below we obtain column sums of matrix X.

```
(X <- matrix(sample(30), nrow = 5, ncol = 6))
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6]  
## [1, ]  11  21  10  16   7  15  
## [2, ]  30  13  14  27  23   2  
## [3, ]  18   3   5   8   4  28  
## [4, ]   1  20   6  24  26  25  
## [5, ]  19   9  12  29  22  17
```

```
apply(X, MARGIN = 2, FUN = sum)
```

```
## [1]  79  66  47 104  82  87
```

Note: that in a matrix `MARGIN = 1` indicates rows and `MARGIN = 2` indicates columns.

apply function

- `apply` can be used with **user-defined functions**:

```
# number entries < 15  
apply(X, 2, function(x) 10*x + 2)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6]  
## [1, ] 112 212 102 162  72 152  
## [2, ] 302 132 142 272 232  22  
## [3, ] 182  32  52  82  42 282  
## [4, ]  12 202  62 242 262 252  
## [5, ] 192  92 122 292 222 172
```

- a function can be defined outside `apply()`,

```
logColMeans <- function(x, eps = NULL) {  
  if (!is.null(eps)) x <- x + eps  
  return(mean(x))  
}  
apply(X, 2, logColMeans)
```

```
## [1] 15.8 13.2  9.4 20.8 16.4 17.4
```

```
apply(X, 2, logColMeans, eps = 0.1)
```

```
## [1] 15.9 13.3  9.5 20.9 16.5 17.5
```

lapply/sapply functions

- `lapply()` is used to **repeatedly apply a function to elements of a sequential object** such as a vector, list, or data-frame (applies to columns).
- The **output is a list** with the same number of elements as the input object.

```
# lapply returns a list  
lapply(1:3, function(x) x^2)
```

```
## [[1]]  
## [1] 1  
##  
## [[2]]  
## [1] 4  
##  
## [[3]]  
## [1] 9
```

- `sapply` is the same as `lapply` but returns a “simplified” output.

```
sapply(1:3, function(x) x^2)
```

```
## [1] 1 4 9
```

- like with `apply()`, user-defined functions can be used with `sapply/lapply`.

Functional Programming

*The idea of **passing a function to another function** is extremely powerful idea, and it's one of the behaviours that makes R a **functional programming (FP)** language.*

The **apply family** of functions in base R are basically tools to extract out this duplicated code, so each common for loop pattern gets its own function.

The package `purrr` in `tidyverse` framework solves similar problems, more in line with the 'tidyverse-philosophy'. We will learn in in following lectures.

Exercise 2 and 3

- Go back to “Lec2_Exercises.Rmd” in RStudio.
- Do Exercise 2 and 3.

1. R for Data Science↔

2. Tidyverse website↔