

**Practice Problems 2**  
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- 1)-13) As we discussed in class the paper **A (very) short introduction to R** gives a very nice overview of R in relatively short time. It is posted on Canvas. In this exercise, I want you read and complete all **ToDo** tasks there. There are 13 of them and that is why this makes the first 13 exercises on this problem set. As stated in the document ” *Going through all text and exercises takes 1-2 hours*”.
- 14) Store the values  $-20, -15, -5, 8, 12, 9, 2, 23, 19$  in the R variable `x`.
- Use the R command `sum` to verify that the sum of the values is 33.
  - Compute an average by using the R command `mean`?
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  - Use R to sum the positive values in `x`.
  - Use the `which` command to get the average of the values ignoring the largest value.
  - Speculate about the values corresponding to the command `x[abs(x)>=8 & x<8]`. Verify your speculation running this R command.
- 15) Let `x = c(1, 8, 2, 6, 3, 8, 5, 5, 5, 5)`
- Describe two different R commands for summing the values in `x` ignoring the value 2 stored in `x[3]` and the value 3 stored in `x[5]`.
  - Use two different R commands to sum all of the values not equal to 5.
  - Use a single R command to change all values equal to 8 to 7.
- 16)
- Create a  $10 \times 5$  matrix `M` whose elements are random draws from a normal distribution with mean 5 and variance 2.
  - Create another matrix `N` of the same size which contains all zeros, except 5 NA and locations of these NAs are randomly determined (i.e. in the sense that each time you run your code their locations are expected to change).
  - Using `M` and `N` generate a random matrix from `N(5, 2)` which contains 5 NA values that are arbitrarily located in the matrix.
  - Describe how the R function `is.na` can be used to eliminate the rows with missing values.
- 17) R has a built-in data set called `chickwts`, which is stored in a data frame with two columns. The first column contains the weight of chicks, and the second column indicates the type of feed they received, one of which is labeled `horsebean`. Use R to compute the average weight among chicks that were fed horsebean.
- 18) Create a vector named `my_vec` containing the integers 1 through 100 and then divide each element of `my_vec` by 3 and store the result as `my_vec2`. (Your answer should contain two lines of R commands)

- 19) Compute the average of the vector `my_vec` you created in part (a) without using built-in R function `mean`.
- 20) Create a vector named `my_vec3` containing the elements of `my_vec` that are between 20 and 35. (Your answer should contain a single line of R commands)
- 21) Briefly explain what would be the output of following R command: `mean(rnorm(1000))`
- 22) What would be the output of following R commands:

```
vect <- c("foo" = 11, "bar" = 2, "norf" = NA)
vect
```

- 23) Create a 2 by 3 matrix named `my_matrix` containing 6 random draws from the standard normal distribution. (Your answer should contain one line of R commands)
- 24) Make a script file which constructs two random normal vectors of length 10. Call these vectors `x1` and `x2`. Make a data frame called `T` with two columns (called `a` and `b`) containing respectively `x1` and `x1 + x2`.
- 25) What would be the output of following R commands:

```
x <- seq(from=1, to=10, by=1)
for (i in x){
  if (i<5 | i>8)
  {
    x[i] = 0.5*i
  }else{
    x[i] = 5*i
  }}
x
```

- 26) When the function `head` called on the data frame `Orange` it produces the following output:

```
> head(Orange, n=2)
  Tree age circumference
1    1  118             30
2    1  484             58
```

Write the command that adds up `Y` (defined as `circumference`) and `X` (defined as square root of `age`). (Your answer should contain at most three lines of R commands)

- 27) Put all even integers from 30 to 89 in a vector named `P` and then in a matrix with 6 rows and 5 columns named `Q`.
- 28) What would be the output of following R commands:

```
d <- data.frame(a = c(1,2,4,8,16,32) ,
                g = c(2,4,8,16,32,64) ,
                x = c(3,6,12,24,48,96))
```

- 29) `Orange` is a data frame with two numeric variables `circumference` and `age`. What would be the output of following R commands (just describe what these commands do):

```
Orange$age[Orange$age <= 900] <- 0
Orange$age[Orange$age > 900] <- 1
```

- 30) Declare a function in R, named `my_function` which takes a vector, say `x`, as input and returns the sum of the elements in the vector and the mean of the values in the vector.
- 31) Using a `for` loop in R, write a script that produces the sum of the first  $n = 40$  integers.
- 32) What would be the output of following R commands:

```
myFun1 <- function(x){
  n = length(x)
  for (i in 1:n) {
    if (i < 5 | i > 90)
    {
      x[i] = 10*i
    } else {
      x[i] = 0.1*i
    } }
  return(x)}
myFun1(1:10)
```