

Psychology 350: Advanced statistics and programming in R

UserRs versus ProgrammeRs

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UserRs and ProgrammeRs

1. There are many ways to use R
2. It is important to become a useR before becoming a programmeR
3. This requires learning how to work through various examples
4. Using functions
5. Writing short scripts which combine functions
6. Only then should we try to develop programs
7. Lets work through various scripts for doing basic descriptions
8. And then various scripts for doing reliability analysis.

R as a useful tool

1. For simple data analysis and graphics just a few lines of code
2. For programmatic analyses, use and keep scripts
 - This might involve a set of analysis on one set of data
 - Typically just step through the script and write more code as we go along
 - This is a way to document what you are doing in your research,
 - You are documenting the specific data set and the specific analyses you do.
3. For frequent analysis of different sets of data, write (program) a function
 - A way of organizing repeated analyses
 - Want to share a method with others.
 - Documentation of what the function does, not the specific application

Common structure of scripts and programs

1. Defining the packages you need to use (e.g.,)
 - `library(psych)` #for some useful tools
 - `library(psychTools)` #for large example data sets
2. Data entry (accessing the data)
 - Checking for correct entry
 - Basic characteristics of the data (e.g., `describe`, `pairs.panels`, `corPlot`)
3. Data processing
 - Apply some particular operation on the data
 - This might be an iterative operation or merely some closed form calculation
4. Reporting the results
 - Return all results (in a list of results)
 - But perhaps print out just the important results



Example scripts: taken from the Reliability appendix

R code

```
install.packages("psych",dependencies = TRUE) #Just need to do this once
install.packages("psychTools") #Just do this once as well
library(psych) #make the psych package active-- need to do this everytime you start R
library(psychTools) #if you want to use the example data sets and some convenient tools

#Getting help
help("psych") #opens a help window overview of the packagr
help{"psychTools"} #opens a help window listing the various data sets in psychTools
vignette(topic="intro",package="psych") #opens an extensive pdf document
vignette(topic="overview",package="psychTools") #opens the second part of this vignette
?omega #opens the specific help page for e.g., the omega function
```

From [Online supplement](#) to Reliability from α to ω : A Tutorial



Data input

Several *psych* or *psychTools* functions

```
my.data <- read.file()#opens an OS dependent search window and
                      reads data according to the suffix
#or first copy your data to the clipboard and then
my.data <- read.clipboard() #assumes that header information is
                      on the first line of the file
my.data <- read.clipboard(header=FALSE) #no header information:
                      the data start on the first line
# choose a remote file and read it
remote <- "https://personality-project.org/courses/350/dataets/
          simulation.txt"
my.data <- read.file(remote)
```

Preliminary processing – checking the data

R code

```
dim(sai) #how many rows (subjects) and columns (variables) in the built in data set sai
dim(msqR) #how many rows (subjects) and columns variables) in the msqR data set
headTail(sai) # show the first and last 3 lines of the sai data set
```

```
dim(sai) #how many rows (subjects) and columns (variables) in the data set sai
```

```
[1] 5378 23
```

```
> dim(msqR) #how many rows (subjects) and columns variables) in msqR data set
```

```
[1] 6411 88
```

```
> headTail(sai) # show the first and last 3 lines of the sai data set
```

| | study | time | id | calm | secure | tense | regretful | at.ease | upset | worrying | rested | anxious | comfort |
|------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1 | AGES | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | |
| 2 | AGES | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| 3 | AGES | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| 4 | AGES | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| ... | <NA> | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| 5375 | XRAY | 2 | 197 | 2 | 2 | 3 | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | |
| 5376 | XRAY | 2 | 198 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 5377 | XRAY | 2 | 199 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 5378 | XRAY | 2 | 200 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| | nervous | jittery | high.strung | relaxed | content | worried | rattled | joyful | pleasant | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| 5375 | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | <NA> | | | | |
| 5376 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | | |
| 5377 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | | | |
| 5378 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | | | |

```
>
```




Basic structure of the msqR and sai data

?msqR #ask for information about the sai data set

Help files are meant to guide you to the data or function

table(msqR\$study,msqR\$time) #show the study names and sample sizes

table(msqR\$study,msqR\$time)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| AGES | 68 | 68 | 0 | 0 |
| Cart | 63 | 63 | 0 | 0 |
| CITY | 157 | 157 | 0 | 0 |
| EMIT | 71 | 71 | 0 | 0 |
| Fast | 94 | 94 | 0 | 0 |
| FIAT | 70 | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| FILM | 95 | 95 | 95 | 0 |
| FLAT | 170 | 170 | 170 | 0 |
| GRAY | 107 | 107 | 0 | 0 |
| HOME | 67 | 67 | 0 | 0 |
| IMPS | 102 | 102 | 0 | 0 |
| ITEM | 49 | 49 | 0 | 0 |
| Maps | 160 | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| MITE | 49 | 49 | 0 | 0 |
| MIXX | 71 | 71 | 0 | 0 |
| PAT | 65 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| PATS | 132 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ... | | | | |
| SWAM.one | 94 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SWAM.two | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VALE | 77 | 77 | 70 | 70 |
| XRAY | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0 |

SAI and MSQR are from 10 years of studies

1. Basic project was to examine the effect of emotional and physiological state on cognitive performance.
2. Many studies administered caffeine (4 mg/kg body weight) (or a placebo).
3. Some studies manipulated mood with movies (fear, sadness, happiness, control)
4. Mood data (SAI and MSQ) collected before manipulation
5. We can choose studies representing various conditions using the `subset` command.



Scripts – continued

Select some subsets for analysis using the subset function. Use the %in% or is.element functions.

R code

```
#Now, select some subsets for analysis using the subset function.
#the short term consistency sets
sai.control <- subset(sai,is.element(sai$study,c("Cart", "Fast", "SHED", "SHOP"))) )

#pre and post drug studies
sai.drug <- subset(sai,is.element(sai$study, c("AGES","SALT","VALE","XRAY")))

#pre and post film studies
sai.film <- subset(sai,is.element(sai$study, c("FIAT","FLAT", "XRAY") ))
msq.control <- subset(msqR,is.element(msqR$study,c("Cart", "Fast", "SHED", "SHOP"))) )

#pre and post drug studies
msq.drug <- subset(msqR,is.element(msqR$study, c("AGES","CITY","EMIT", "SALT",
"VALE", "XRAY")))

#pre and post film studies
msq.film <- subset(msqR,is.element(msqR$study, c("FIAT","FLAT", "MAPS", "MIXX","XRAY") ))
msq.films4 <- subset(msqR, is.element(msqR$study, c("FLAT", "MAPS", "XRAY") ))
msq1 <- subset(msqR,msqR$time == 1) #just the first day measures
sai1 <- subset(sai,sai$time==1) #just the first set of observations for the SAI

#do some fancy subsetting

sam.rim <- subset(sai,(sai$study %in% c("SAM", "RIM")))#choose SAM and RIM for 2 day test
vale <- subset(sai,sai$study=="VALE") #choose the VALE study for multilevel analysis
```



Scripts: continued

R code

```
dim(msq.control) #how many subjects and how many items?
dim(sai.control) #show the number of subjects and items for the second subset
table(sam.rim$time) #how many were in each time point
table(vale$time) #how many were repeated twice on day 1 and then on day 2
```

```
> dim(msq1) #how many subjects and how many items?
[1] 3032 88
> dim(sai1) #show the number of subjects and items for the second subset
[1] 3032 23
> table(rim$time) #how many were in each time point
1 3
666 666

> table(vale$time) #how many were repeated twice on day 1 and then on day 2
1 2 3 4
77 77 70 70
```

Reading and writing code

1. Just as we learn to write by reading books
2. So we learn to code by reading code
3. Almost all R functions are available to read just by typing in the name of the function
4. All functions have a help page and usually examples.
5. You can run them in “debug” mode to step through the function to see what it does

The parts of a function

1. Function name and parameter list
2. Preliminaries (making sense of the parameters, getting ready to process)
3. The body of the function: do something useful
4. The results: package them into useful output, perhaps by creating lists of the results
5. `return(results)` and end the function.

When reading a function, see if you can identify these parts.

Reading code

1. To read the code of almost any function, just type in the name of the function without ()
2. However, this does not include the comments that have been written for that function by the programmer
3. Source Code for *psych* is in the class folder (this has the comments)
4. To see [a list of all of the functions](#) in *psych*
5. To see a particular function find out where it probably is by ? the function
6. e.g., *fisherz* is in the *fisherz* help page, so open and [view](#) that one
7. the *isCorrelation* function is part of a larger set of [miscellaneous functions](#). (This is a collection of minor functions that are documented either in the *psych.misc* help page or separately.) Worth examining for demonstration of documenting code.



The fisherz functions

As set of one liners that don't really need to be documented by comments. The names speak for themselves.

```
"fisherz" <-
function(rho) {0.5*log((1+rho)/(1-rho)) }    #converts r to z

"fisherz2r" <-
  function(z) {(exp(2*z)-1)/(1+exp(2*z)) }    #converts back again

"r2d" <-
function(rho) {2*rho/sqrt(1-rho^2)}

"d2r" <-
function(d) {d/sqrt(d^2+4)}

#added sign correction October 8, 2018
"t2r" <- function(t,df) {sign(t) * sqrt(t^2/(t^2 + df))} #fixed April 27, 2017

"g2r" <- function(g,df,n) {sign(g) * g/sqrt(g^2 + 4*df/n)}

"chi2r" <- function(chi2,n) {sqrt(chi2/n)}

"r2chi" <- function(rho,n) { chi2 <- ( rho^2 *n)}

"cor2cov" <- "r2c" <- function(rho,sigma) { sigma <- diag(sigma)
cov <- sigma %**% rho %**% sigma
colnames(cov) <- rownames(cov) <- colnames(rho)
return(cov)}
```


The isCorrelation function

Part of the [misc.R](#) functions.

Note how if it is non obvious, we explain what the function does and perhaps when it was developed or when it was patched.

Uses several core-R functions

```
#this just shows if it is a matrix is symmetric and has diagonals of 1
#Added the unclass to handle a problem with class partial.r 4/10/21
"isCorrelation" <- function(x,na.rm=FALSE) {value <- FALSE
  if(NROW(x) == NCOL(x)) {
    if( is.data.frame(x)) {if(isSymmetric(unclass(unname(as.matrix(x))))){value <- TRUE}}else {
      if(isSymmetric(unclass(unname(x)))) {value <- TRUE}}
    value <- value && isTRUE(all.equal(prod(diag(as.matrix(x))),1) )
    if(!value && (na.rm) && any(is.na(diag(as.matrix(x))))) stop(
      "Although the matrix is symmetric, one of the elements of the diagonal is NA.
      Check your data.")
    value <- value && isTRUE((min(x,na.rm=TRUE)>= -1) & (max(x,na.rm=TRUE) <= 1))
  }
  return(value)}

#this just shows if it is a symmetric matrix
"isCovariance" <- function(x) {value <- FALSE
  if(NROW(x) == NCOL(x)) {
    if( is.data.frame(x)) {if(isSymmetric(unclass(unname(as.matrix(x))))) {
      value <- TRUE}} else {
      if(isSymmetric(unclass(unname(x)))) {value <- TRUE}}}
  # value <- value && isTRUE(all.equal(prod(diag(as.matrix(x))),1) ) #don't check for diagona
  return(value)}
```

The many types of reliability

1. As discussed in [Revelle and Condon \(2019\)](#) there are many measures of reliability:
 - Internal consistency as measured by α or ω_h or ω_t .
 - Alternate forms as found from the correlation of two forms.
 - Split half reliability
 - Measures of *unidimensionality* [Revelle and Condon \(2023\)](#).
 - Stability over time by measuring test-retest correlations
2. Each of these may use a different function.
3. With a little bit of code, we can stitch these together.
4. This is an example of scripting
5. Which is then followed by an example of small function to do it.



Simple script

R code

```
my.data <- ability # change this to match your data
alp<- alpha(my.data)
sp <- splitHalf(my.data)
om <- omega(my.data, 4)
uni <- unidim(my.data)
summary(alp)
summary(sp)
uni
summary(om)
```

```
summary(alp)
```

Reliability analysis

| raw_alpha | std.alpha | G6(smc) | average_r | S/N | ase | mean | sd | median_r |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----|--------|------|------|----------|
| 0.83 | 0.83 | 0.84 | 0.23 | 4.9 | 0.0064 | 0.51 | 0.25 | 0.21 |

```
> summary(sp)
```

Warning message:

```
In summary.psych(sp) :
```

I am sorry, I do not have a summary function for this object

```
> uni
```

A measure of unidimensionality

```
Call: unidim(keys = my.data)
```

Unidimensionality index =

| u | tau | con | alpha | av.r | median.r | CFI | ECV |
|------|------|------|-------|------|----------|------|------|
| 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.93 | 0.83 | 0.23 | 0.21 | 0.80 | 0.75 |



Better: use a function which does the stitching

R code

```
reliability(my.data)
```

keys not specified, all items will be scored

Measures of reliability

```
reliability(keys = my.data)
```

| | omega_h | alpha | omega.tot | Uni | tau | cong | max.split | min.split | mean.r | med.r | n.items | CFI |
|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| All_items | 0.56 | 0.83 | 0.85 | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.93 | 0.87 | 0.73 | 0.23 | 0.21 | 16 | 0.8 |

Using a keys list

1. Some functions can be done on multiple subscales
2. Specify a keys list which includes direction for scoring
3. Functions taking `keys.list` include `alpha`, `reliability`, `scoreItems`
4. Functionally, this takes our script file and runs it for each of a subset of the data.



The reliability function

R code

```
rel <- reliability(bfi.keys,bfi)
rel
```

Measures of reliability

```
reliability(keys = bfi.keys, items = bfi)
```

| | omega_h | alpha | omega.tot | Uni | tau | cong | max.split | min.split | mean.r | med.r | n.items |
|---------------|---------|-------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|---------|
| agree | 0.64 | 0.71 | 0.75 | 0.89 | 0.90 | 0.99 | 0.75 | 0.62 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 5 |
| conscientious | 0.53 | 0.73 | 0.77 | 0.95 | 0.97 | 0.98 | 0.74 | 0.64 | 0.35 | 0.34 | 5 |
| extraversion | 0.55 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.97 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.78 | 0.66 | 0.39 | 0.38 | 5 |
| neuroticism | 0.71 | 0.81 | 0.85 | 0.93 | 0.95 | 0.98 | 0.83 | 0.69 | 0.47 | 0.41 | 5 |
| openness | 0.39 | 0.61 | 0.70 | 0.85 | 0.88 | 0.97 | 0.66 | 0.52 | 0.24 | 0.23 | 5 |

>



An example of using a function which combines other functions

R code

```
reliability(ability) #just one scale
reliability(bfi.keys, bfi) #multiple scales with keying information
```

```
reliability(ability) #just one scale
keys not specified, all items will be scored
Measures of reliability
reliability(keys = ability)
      omega_h alpha omega.tot  Uni r.fit fa.fit max.split min.split mean.r med.r n.items
All_items  0.56  0.83      0.85 0.84  0.91  0.93      0.87      0.73  0.23  0.21      16
```

```
reliability(bfi.keys, bfi) #multiple scales with keying information
Measures of reliability
reliability(keys = bfi.keys, items = bfi)
      omega_h alpha omega.tot  Uni r.fit fa.fit max.split min.split mean.r med.r n.items
agree      0.64  0.71      0.75 0.89  0.90  0.99      0.75      0.62  0.33  0.34
conscientious 0.53  0.73      0.77 0.95  0.97  0.98      0.73      0.64  0.35  0.34
extraversion 0.55  0.76      0.82 0.97  0.97  0.99      0.78      0.71  0.39  0.38
neuroticism  0.71  0.81      0.85 0.93  0.95  0.98      0.83      0.73  0.47  0.41
openness     0.39  0.61      0.70 0.85  0.88  0.97      0.66      0.53  0.24  0.23
>
```

Reliability: Preliminaries

```
#Developed 6/15/21
#Fixed 6/20/21 to avoid the problem of scales of one item or too many to find splits
#Modified 7/10/21 to allow it to function with just a set of items, no keys specified
#Modified 7/11/21 to include the unidimensional estimates from unidim and
# to use the R object for speed

reliability <- function(keys=NULL,items,nfactors=2,split=TRUE,raw=TRUE,plot=FALSE,
hist=FALSE, n.sample=10000) {
  cl <- match.call()
  result <- list()
  splits <- list()
  best <- worst <- list()
  res.name <- list()
  if(hist) raw <-TRUE
  if(raw) split <- TRUE

  #check to see if the first parameter is a list of keys, if not, then we want
  # to do reliability on just one scale

  if(!is.null(keys)){ if(NCOL(keys)==1) { n.scales <- length(keys) } else {
    items <- keys #this is the case where the user did not specify keys but just the data
    message("keys not specified, all items will be scored")
    n.scales <- 1
    keys <- list()
    keys[["All_items"]] <- colnames(items)
  } else {n.scales <- 1
  keys[["All_items"]] <- colnames(items)
  }
  if(isCorrelation(items)) {cors<- TRUE} else {cors<- FALSE}
  #is the input a correlation matrix
```




Reliability: the main loop

```

for (scales in 1:n.scales) { #the general case
  scale.key <- keys[[scales]] #
  select <- selectFromKeys(scale.key) #the items for this scale
  if(length(select)>1 ) {
    if(cors) {om <- omegah(items[select,select], nfactors=nfactors,plot=plot,two.ok=TRUE)
    } else {
      om <- omegah(items[,select], nfactors=nfactors,plot=plot,two.ok=TRUE)}

    uni <- unidim(om$R) #use the R object rather than redoing the factoring

    if(split){temp.keys <- colnames(om$R) <- gsub("-", "", colnames(om$R))
      sign.key <- rep("", length(select))
      sign.key[which(colnames(om$R) != rownames(om$R))] <- "-"
      temp.keys <- paste0(sign.key, temp.keys)
      #this next line was dropped, but I keep to show my thinking
      # split.half <- suppressWarnings(splitHalf(om$R, raw=raw, brute=FALSE, n.sample=n.sample,
      # key=temp.keys))
      #don't use temp.keys
      split.half <- suppressWarnings(splitHalf(om$R, raw=raw, brute=FALSE, n.sample=n.sample))
      best[[scales]] <- list(max=split.half$maxAB)
      worst[[scales]] <- list(min=split.half$minAB)

      result[[scales]] <- list(omega_h = om$omega_h, alpha = split.half$alpha,
        omega.tot = om$omega.tot, u=uni$u[1], av.r.fit=uni$u[2], fa.fit=uni$u[3],
        maxrb=split.half$maxrb, minrb=split.half$minrb,
        mean.r=split.half$av.r, med.r <- split.half$med.r, n.items=length(select) )
      if(raw) splits[[scales]] <- split.half$raw} else {
        result[[scales]] <- list(omega_h = om$omega_h, alpha = om$alpha, omega.tot = om$omega.tot,
          u=uni$u[1], av.r.fit=uni$u[2], fa.fit=uni$u[3], n.items=length(select)) }
      res.name[scales] <- names(keys)[scales]
    }
  }
}

```



Reliability: wrapping it up

```
#Creates a list that keeps the names
best <- unlist(unlist(best,recursive=FALSE),recursive=FALSE)
worst <- unlist(unlist(worst,recursive=FALSE),recursive=FALSE)
# names(result) <- res.name
if(split) {ncol <- 11} else {ncol <- 7}
result.df <- matrix(unlist(result[!is.null(result)]), ncol=ncol,byrow=TRUE)
if(split) { colnames(result.df) <- c("omega_h", "alpha", "omega.tot", "Uni","r.fit",
    "fa.fit","max.split","min.split","mean.r", "med.r", "n.items") } else {
colnames(result.df) <- c("omega.h", "alpha", "omega.tot", "Uni","r.fit",
    "fa.fit","n.items") }
rownames(result.df) <- unlist(res.name)
if(raw) {
lx <- unlist(lapply(splits,length))
splits <- splits[lx>0]
names(splits) <- rownames(result.df)

# splits.mat <- matrix(unlist(splits),ncol=length(keys))
# colnames(splits.mat) <- names(keys)
class(result.df) <- c("psych","reliability", "matrix")
names(best) <- paste(rep(res.name,each=2),names(best))
names(worst) <- paste(rep(res.name,each=2),names(worst))
result <- list(result.df = result.df,splits= splits,max=best,min=worst, Call = c1)
if(hist) {multi.hist(splits)}
class(result) <- c("psych","reliability")
return(result) } else {

    class(result.df) <- c("psych","reliability", "matrix")
return(result.df)
}
}

Created June 11-17, 2021
#fixed 6/20/21 to avoid the problem of null cases
```

An example of using the function (again)

R code

```
reliability(ability) #just one scale
reliability(bfi.keys, bfi) #multiple scales with keying information
```

```
reliability(ability) #just one scale
keys not specified, all items will be scored
Measures of reliability
reliability(keys = ability)
      omega_h alpha omega.tot  Uni r.fit fa.fit max.split min.split mean.r med.r n.items
All_items  0.56  0.83      0.85 0.84  0.91  0.93      0.87      0.73  0.23  0.21      16
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```
reliability(bfi.keys, bfi) #multiple scales with keying information
Measures of reliability
reliability(keys = bfi.keys, items = bfi)
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agree      0.64  0.71      0.75 0.89  0.90  0.99      0.75      0.62  0.33  0.34
conscientious 0.53  0.73      0.77 0.95  0.97  0.98      0.73      0.64  0.35  0.34
extraversion 0.55  0.76      0.82 0.97  0.97  0.99      0.78      0.71  0.39  0.38
neuroticism  0.71  0.81      0.85 0.93  0.95  0.98      0.83      0.73  0.47  0.41
openness     0.39  0.61      0.70 0.85  0.88  0.97      0.66      0.53  0.24  0.23
>
```

The parts of a function

Functions can automate parts of scripts that are repeated multiple times.

Each function has:

1. function name and parameter list
2. Preliminaries (making sense of the parameters, getting ready to process)
3. The body of the function: do something useful
4. The results: package them into useful output, perhaps by creating lists of the results
5. return(results) and end the function.

When reading a function, see if you can identify these parts.

A baby function

R code

```
first <- function(input, parameters) {
  #some checks on this
  #now do something (the body
  output  <- input + 1

  #now return what you have done
  return(output)
}
```

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first <- function(input, parameters) {
+   #some checks on this
+   #now do something (the body
+   output  <- input + 1
+
+   #now return what you have done
+   return(output)
+   }
+
+   first(10)
+ }
+
+ [1] 11
```



Make the function more complicated (and useful)

R code

```
second <- function(input, par1, par2) {
  #some checks on this
  #now do something (the body)
  for(i in 1: par2) {
    input  <- input + par1
    print(input)
  }
  result <- input
  #now return what you have done
  return(result)
}
```

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second <- function(input, par1, par2) {
+   #some checks on this
+   #now do something (the body)
+   for(i in 1: par2) {
+     input  <- input + par1
+     print(input)
+   }
+   result <- input
+   #now return what you have done
+   return(result)
+ }
> second(10,2,4)
```

```
[1] 12
[1] 14
[1] 16
[1] 18
[1] 18
```

A few of the most useful data manipulations functions (adapted from Rpad-refcard). Use ? for details

| | |
|---|--|
| file.choose () find a file | dim (x) dimensions of x |
| file.choose (new=TRUE) create a new file | str (x) Structure of an object |
| read.table (filename) | list (...) create a list |
| read.csv (filename) reads a comma separated file | colnames (x) set or find column names |
| read.delim (filename) reads a tab delimited file | rownames (x) set or find row names |
| c (...) combine arguments | ncol(x), nrow(x) number of row, columns |
| from:to e.g., 4:8 | rbind (...) combine by rows |
| seq (from,to, by) | cbind (...) combine by columns |
| rep (x,times,each) repeat x | is.na (x) also is.null(x), is... |
| gl (n,k,...) generate factor levels | na.omit (x) ignore missing data |
| matrix (x,nrow=,ncol=) create a matrix | table (x) |
| data.frame (...) create a data frame | merge (x,y) |
| | apply (x,rc,FUNCTION) |
| | ls () show workspace |
| | rm () remove variables from workspace |



More useful statistical functions. Use ? for details

Selected functions from *psych* package

| | |
|---|--|
| mean (x) | describe (x) descriptive stats |
| is.na (x) also is.null(x), is... | describeBy (x,y) descriptives by group |
| na.omit (x) ignore missing data | pairs.panels (x) SPLOM |
| sum (x) | error.bars (x) means + error bars |
| rowSums (x) see also colSums(x) | error.bars.by (x) Error bars by groups |
| min (x) | fa (x,n) Factor analysis |
| max (x) | pca (x,n) Principal components |
| range (x) | iclust (x) Item cluster analysis |
| table (x) | scoreItems (x) score multiple scales |
| summary (x) depends upon x | score.multiple.choice (x) score multiple choice scales |
| sd (x) standard deviation | alpha (x) Cronbach's alpha |
| cor (x) correlation | omega (x) MacDonald's omega |
| cov (x) covariance | irt.fa (x) Item response theory through factor analysis |
| solve (x) inverse of x | lmCor (y~x) linear model for correlations |
| lm (y~x) linear model | bestScales empirical scale construction |
| aov (y~x) ANOVA | |

See the R studio analysis for reliability for detailed examples of reliability

1. <http://personality-project.org/courses/350/350.wk.4.html>
2. A simple script to show the distinction between test-retest and α reliability uses 474 participants on the EPI

R code

```
epi1 <- subset(epiR, epiR$time==1);
epi2 <- subset(epiR, epiR$time==2) #select time 1 and 2 Ss
scores1 <- scoreItems(epi.keys, epi1) #find the scores and alpha
scores2 <- scoreItems(epi.keys, epi2) #find the scores and alpha
summary(scores1); summary(scores2) #show the summaries for time 2
r12 <- cor2(scores1$scores, scores2$scores) #correlate time 1 and time
round(scores1$alpha, 2) ; round(scores2$alpha, 2); round(diag(r12), 2)
```

```
round(scores1$alpha, 2)
      E      N      L Imp Soc
alpha 0.77 0.81 0.39 0.52 0.76
> round(scores2$alpha, 2)
      E      N      L Imp Soc
alpha 0.74 0.8 0.4 0.49 0.75
> round(diag(r12), 2)
      E      N      L Imp Soc
0.81 0.80 0.65 0.70 0.81
```

For a more complete list of the functions in *psych*

1. *psych* as a **Swiss Army knife**

- Data entry and descriptives
- Multivariate analysis
- Scale Construction and reliability
- Regression
- Machine Learning
- Simulation

2. This probably makes more sense now after 4 weeks of R

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