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The R Manuals

edited by the R Development Core Team.

The following manuals for R were created on Debian Linux and may differ from the manuals for Mac or Windows on platform-specific pages, but most parts will be identical for all platforms. The correct version of the manuals for each platform are part of the respective R installations. The manuals change with R, hence we provide versions for the most recent released R version (R-release), a very current version for the patched release version (R-patched) and finally a version for the forthcoming R version that is still in development (R-devel).

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R

"There are three kinds of language objects that are available for modification, calls, expressions, and functions."

Some useful functions for computing on the language using base R:

- quote()
- enquote()
- substitute()
- deparse()
- eval()

## Call objects

"sometimes referred to as "unevaluated expressions", although this terminology is somewhat confusing (thanks, R!)

with a quoted string)

- > quote(2+2)
- 2 + 2
- > "2+2" # just a character string [1] "2+2"

- We can get a call object using the function quote() (not to be confused

### Call objects

- eval()
- > eval(quote(2+2))
- [1] 4
- > eval("2+2") # there's nothing to evaluate here [1] "2+2"

### If you wanted to then evaluate a quote() ed call object, you could use

## Remember, R is lazy

Sometimes, quote() doesn't give you exactly what you were expecting, because R is lazy.

- > a <- 1
- > b <- 2
- > quote(a + b)
- a + b

# Remember, R is lazy

This is where substitute() comes in. substitute() will substitute in the values it knows about in a particular environment.

- > substitute(a + b, env = .GlobalEnv)
- a + b
- > ?substitute

"If it is an ordinary variable, its value is substituted, unless env is .GlobalEnv in which case the symbol is left unchanged."





# Remember, R is lazy

Okay... but environments are just lists! So we can make our own.

- > substitute(a + b, list(a = 1, b = 2))
- 1 + 2

Of course, everything needs to be defined in that environment

> substitute(a + b, list(a = 1, b = x))

Error: object 'x' not found

> substitute(a + b, list(a = 1, b = quote(x)))

1 + x

## Tidyverse NSE

quo() is like quote()
enquo() is like substitute()
!! is like eval() ?

## Where we're going...

works in the tidyverse. In other words, instead of calling

bootstrap(mtcars\$mpg, samples = 500)

I want to be able to call

mtcars %>% bootstrap(mpg, samples = 500)

- I want you to create a new version of your bootstrap function, which