meat.r: Explanation of code

Goals of code:

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Analyzing a subset of the data: `subset()` or `subset=`
R provides a couple of ways to restrict an analysis to a subset of the data. If you want to do many analyses or plots with a subset, I find it easier to create a second data frame with the desired subset of data. If you want to do one analysis, it can be easier to specify that subset in the analysis.

To create a new data frame with a subset of values: There are two ways: selecting rows, or using subset(). I illustrate subset(). The first argument is a data frame; the second argument specifies the rows **to keep**, done using a logical operator. The example, `subset(meat, time <= 6)` starts with all rows of the meat data frame and keeps only those where `time` is less than or equal to 6. The logical expression is evaluated in the data frame, so you don't need to write meat$time to specify where to find the time variable.

To specify the subset as part of an analysis, add subset= logical operation specifying rows to keep. Again, the expression is evaluated in the data frame, so you don't need to write `subset=(meat$time <= 6)`. My practice is to put the logical expression inside () just so R doesn't get confused.

Logical operators: R provides an extensive list of logical operators. These include

Symbol	meaning	notes
`==`	equals	requires two equals signs
`<`	less than	
`>`	greater than	
`<=`	less than or equal	
`>=`	greater than or equal	
`!=`	not equal	
`%in%`	in	followed by a vector of values, e.g. c(1, 3, 6) will be true if first argument matches any of the second

Creating data frames with specified X values: `data.frame()`
If we want to predict Y for X values not in the data set used for analysis, we need to create a data frame with those values. This must be a data frame (not a column vector) and the column name must match the name of the X variable in the fitted model. The first step is to create a vector (column of values) that is used to create the data frame.

The three uses of `data.frame` show three ways to do similar things. They do create slightly different sets of prediction values. You only need one of these.

`c(1,1.5,2,2.5,3,3.5,4,4.5,5)`: The `c()` function concatenates (hence the c) values to make a vector. c() can be used anywhere you need to create or specify a vector of values. The values are separated by commas.

`seq(1, 8, 0.25)`: The `seq()` function generates a sequence of values. The first two arguments are the starting and ending values. The third is the step. If the step is omitted, e.g., `seq(1,8)`, a step of 1 is assumed.

The `1:8` in the third use of data.frame() is a shortcut way to generate a sequence of integers from the starting to ending value.

The code then computes the logtime variable, as we've done before.

Lists and matrices:
R provides many ways to store information. So far, we've met scalars (e.g., 5) and data frames, and we've just met vectors (e.g., c(1, 2, 4, 8)). A matrix has rows and columns, just like a data frame, but the entire matrix is either numeric or character. A data frame can have some columns that contain numbers and other columns that contain character strings. If a data frame with both numbers and character strings was converted to a matrix, it would become a matrix of character strings and all the numbers would be converted to character strings. The `as.matrix()` function converts another type of object into a matrix. The code involving test, test2, and testm demonstrates the difference between a data frame and a matrix.

You can access individual rows or columns by subscripting the matrix. Subscripts go in single square brackets. A matrix has two subscripts, which are separated by a comma. The first subscript indicates rows, the second indicates columns. A negative number omits the specified row(s) or column(s). If a subscript is omitted, e.g., `[,1]`, all rows or columns are selected. So `[,1]` will extract the first column (and all rows). You can also subscript vectors (only one index, so no comma) and data frames (rows and columns). If you omit the comma, the matrix is subscripted as if it were one long vector composed of stacked columns. You probably want to specify a comma.

The `names()` function extracts the column names from a data frame. If you try names() on a matrix, the result is nothing (NULL). The `dimnames()` function extracts row and column names from a matrix. You can also use dimnames() on a data frame; the row names are generated automatically by R. When you run the code, you'll see that the default for a matrix is to have column names but no row names.

The output from dimnames() is a list, which is a collection of related pieces of information. Unlike a data frame, in which all columns must be the same length, the components of a list can be different sizes, shapes, or types of data. You can have lists of lists and even lists of lists of lists.

A list can be recognized by either double square brackets `[[ ]]` or `$name` followed by information. The output from dimnames() is a list with two elements. The first is the vector of row names; the second is the vector of column names. When printed as `[[1]]`, the components of the list are unnamed. You can access each component by subscripting in double square brackets, e.g., `temp[[2]]`.

Components of a named list, such as produced by predict() in the next section, can be accessed by number or by name. `testlist` is a list with two components, named a and b. Both `testlist$a` and `testlist[[1]]` refer to the first component.

If referring to list elements by name seems like referring to columns in a data frame, that's because a data frame shares many of the characteristics of a list and also many characteristics of a matrix. A data frame just has a regular structure than a list usually doesn't have.

Calculating confidence intervals on model parameters: `confint()`
The `confint()` function calculates confidence intervals on model parameters. It is especially useful for regression models because the model parameters are easily interpretable. The required argument is the name of the model fit. By default, intervals are calculated for all parameters and are 95%. You can specify a `parms=` argument to only report intervals for selected parameters and `level=` to change the coverage (expressed as a number between 0 and 1, not a percentage).

Calculating confidence and prediction intervals: `predict( interval=)`
The `predict()` function returns predicted values. The required argument is the name of a saved model fit (e.g., meat.lm). The result is a vector of predicted values at each of the X's in the original data set. These are often more useful (e.g., for drawing plots) if you save the predictions into the original data frame. This works because there is one prediction for each observation in the data frame.

Predictions are made for new X values not in the data frame when `newdata=` is specified. The argument to `newdata=` is the name of a data frame with new values for the X variable(s). The new data can have additional variables, which are ignored. But, it must have a column (or columns) with the same names as the variable(s) used to fit the model. We created meat.new at the beginning of today's lab. Again, it is often useful to store these predictions in the newdata data frame (not the original data frame!). You almost certainly can't save the new predictions in the original data frame because the number of predictions doesn't match the number of observations. It does match the number of

predict() has optional arguments that request more information about each predicted value (either for X's in the original data frame or a newdata= data frame). The `se.fit=T` argument requests standard errors for each predicted value.
The `interval='confidence'` argument requests a 95% confidence interval for the predicted val-

ues. Adding `level=` with a number between 0 and 1 changes the coverage to the specified value. Changing to `interval='prediction'` gives you prediction intervals instead of confidence intervals.

The output from predict() is a vector when all you request are predictions; it is a list when you request standard errors. When you add `se.fit=T`, the output includes `$fit` with the vector of predicted (fitted) values and `$se.fit` with the vector of standard errors.

When you request an interval, the output is a matrix, with the 2nd and 3rd columns being the endpoints of the requested interval. If you request both the standard error and an interval, you get a list with the `$fit` component as a matrix.

You can extract the pieces you want by indexing or subscripting the list or matrix as described above.

Only printing a few observations: `head()`
Sometimes, I want to print a few observations in a data set to get variable names (e.g., after reading a data set) or check for gross errors. The `head()` function prints the first six rows of a data frame, matrix, or vector. `tail()` prints the last six rows.

Overlaying observations and predicted values: `plot()` followed by `lines()`
We have previously used plot() to plot data. You can follow plot() with commands that add stuff to the plot. The `lines()` function draws lines (as connect the dots, so it usually helps to to have observations in sorted order). The arguments to lines() are the X and Y information. Additional arguments modify the appearance of the line. The first lines() command adds the fitted line, drawn as a solid black line. fitted line. The second and third adds the lower and upper prediction limits as a dashed line (lty=2, where lty is "line type"). The default line type is lty=1.

The `legend()` function adds a legend to the plot. The first argument is the location. All the rest can be in any order and specify what to put on the plot. I prefer legends without boxes; `bty='n'` (box type) suppresses the box. I want legends for the two line types, so I specify two line types in lty= and my legend as a vector of character strings in legend=. If you used pch= and legend=, you would label points in the legend. The help file for legend gives you a long list of options.

ANOVA lack of fit test: `anova()`
To construct the ANOVA lack of fit test, we need to create a copy of the X variable that is a factor variable. `time.f` is that factor version of the time variable. We will use this variable to indicate groups, each with its own mean, so it doesn't matter whether the groups are defined by time or logtime.

We can compare the fit of the regression and the fit of the ANOVA model in two different ways.
1) Fit both models, then use `anova()` to compare the two fits. That is done by providing two models to anova(). If you wanted to sequentially compare more than two models (e.g., a simple linear regression, a quadratic regression, then an ANOVA fit), you provide three arguments to anova().
2) Fit one model with both terms, e.g., `lm(ph ~ logtime + time.f)`, with a + separating the two

terms. Passing the output from that fit to anova() gives you the sequential change in fit as each term is added to the model.

Note: If the first variable in the model is the factor variable, R refuses to fit the second term. If you specify two models to anova() and the factor variable is first, the changes in df and SS are both negative. Fix by reversing the order of the variables in the lm() formula or the order of the models in anova().