

Exploring Dataframes

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Here's how you can explore the mtcars data frame:

View the data: Use the head() or tail() function to view the first or last few rows of the data frame, respectively. For example:

1. Find the dimensions (rows and columns) of the dataframe

```
data(mtcars)
dim(mtcars)
```

```
[1] 32 11
```

2. Retrieve the names of the columns in the dataframe

```
names(mtcars)
```

```
[1] "mpg"  "cyl"  "disp" "hp"   "drat" "wt"   "qsec" "vs"   "am"   "gear"
[11] "carb"
```

3. str()

to display the structure of the dataframe, including the data type and the first few rows.

```
str(mtcars)
```

```
'data.frame':  32 obs. of  11 variables:
 $ mpg : num  21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
 $ cyl : num   6  6  4  6  8  6  8  4  4  6 ...
 $ disp: num  160 160 108 258 360 ...
 $ hp  : num  110 110 93 110 175 105 245 62 95 123 ...
 $ drat: num   3.9 3.9 3.85 3.08 3.15 2.76 3.21 3.69 3.92 3.92 ...
 $ wt  : num   2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
```

```
$ qsec: num 16.5 17 18.6 19.4 17 ...
$ vs : num 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 ...
$ am : num 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
$ gear: num 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 ...
$ carb: num 4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 ...
```

4. head()

to view the first few rows of the dataframe.

```
head(mtcars)
```

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
Valiant	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1

5. tail()

to view the last few rows of the dataframe.

```
tail(mtcars)
```

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
Porsche 914-2	26.0	4	120.3	91	4.43	2.140	16.7	0	1	5	2
Lotus Europa	30.4	4	95.1	113	3.77	1.513	16.9	1	1	5	2
Ford Pantera L	15.8	8	351.0	264	4.22	3.170	14.5	0	1	5	4
Ferrari Dino	19.7	6	145.0	175	3.62	2.770	15.5	0	1	5	6
Maserati Bora	15.0	8	301.0	335	3.54	3.570	14.6	0	1	5	8
Volvo 142E	21.4	4	121.0	109	4.11	2.780	18.6	1	1	4	2

6. summary()

to generate summary statistics for each column in the dataframe.

```
summary(mtcars)
```

mpg	cyl	disp	hp
Min. :10.40	Min. :4.000	Min. : 71.1	Min. : 52.0
1st Qu.:15.43	1st Qu.:4.000	1st Qu.:120.8	1st Qu.: 96.5
Median :19.20	Median :6.000	Median :196.3	Median :123.0
Mean :20.09	Mean :6.188	Mean :230.7	Mean :146.7
3rd Qu.:22.80	3rd Qu.:8.000	3rd Qu.:326.0	3rd Qu.:180.0
Max. :33.90	Max. :8.000	Max. :472.0	Max. :335.0

drat	wt	qsec	vs
Min. :2.760	Min. :1.513	Min. :14.50	Min. :0.0000
1st Qu.:3.080	1st Qu.:2.581	1st Qu.:16.89	1st Qu.:0.0000
Median :3.695	Median :3.325	Median :17.71	Median :0.0000
Mean :3.597	Mean :3.217	Mean :17.85	Mean :0.4375
3rd Qu.:3.920	3rd Qu.:3.610	3rd Qu.:18.90	3rd Qu.:1.0000
Max. :4.930	Max. :5.424	Max. :22.90	Max. :1.0000

am	gear	carb
Min. :0.0000	Min. :3.000	Min. :1.000
1st Qu.:0.0000	1st Qu.:3.000	1st Qu.:2.000
Median :0.0000	Median :4.000	Median :2.000
Mean :0.4062	Mean :3.688	Mean :2.812
3rd Qu.:1.0000	3rd Qu.:4.000	3rd Qu.:4.000
Max. :1.0000	Max. :5.000	Max. :8.000

7. table()

to generate a frequency table for a categorical variable.

```
table(mtcars$cyl)
```

```
4  6  8
11 7 14
```

8. unique()

to find unique values in a column of the dataframe.

```
unique(mtcars$cyl)
```

```
[1] 6 4 8
```

Logical operations

Here are some examples of logical operations functions in R using the mtcars dataset:

1. Subsetting based on a condition:

The logical expression `[]` and square bracket notation can be used to subset the mtcars dataset according to a criterion. For instance, to only choose the rows where the mpg is higher than 20:

```
# Subset mtcars based on mpg > 20
mtcars_subset <- mtcars[mtcars$mpg > 20, ]
mtcars_subset
```

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108.0	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258.0	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
Merc 240D	24.4	4	146.7	62	3.69	3.190	20.00	1	0	4	2
Merc 230	22.8	4	140.8	95	3.92	3.150	22.90	1	0	4	2
Fiat 128	32.4	4	78.7	66	4.08	2.200	19.47	1	1	4	1
Honda Civic	30.4	4	75.7	52	4.93	1.615	18.52	1	1	4	2
Toyota Corolla	33.9	4	71.1	65	4.22	1.835	19.90	1	1	4	1
Toyota Corona	21.5	4	120.1	97	3.70	2.465	20.01	1	0	3	1
Fiat X1-9	27.3	4	79.0	66	4.08	1.935	18.90	1	1	4	1
Porsche 914-2	26.0	4	120.3	91	4.43	2.140	16.70	0	1	5	2
Lotus Europa	30.4	4	95.1	113	3.77	1.513	16.90	1	1	5	2
Volvo 142E	21.4	4	121.0	109	4.11	2.780	18.60	1	1	4	2

2. The which() function:

The which() function returns the indexes of the vector's members that adhere to a predicate. To determine the indices of the rows where mpg is larger than 20 for instance:

```
# Find the indices of rows where mpg > 20
indices <- which(mtcars$mpg > 20)
indices
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 8 9 18 19 20 21 26 27 28 32
```

3. The ifelse() function:

The `ifelse()` function applies a logical condition to a vector and returns a new vector with values depending on whether the condition is TRUE or FALSE. It is a vectorized version of the if-else statement. For instance, to add a new column called `high_mpg` that shows whether or not the `mpg` value is more than 20:

```
# Create a new column "high_mpg" based on mpg > 20
mtcars$high_mpg <- ifelse(mtcars$mpg > 20, "Yes", "No")
```

4. The `all()` and `any()` functions:

If every element in a vector satisfies a logical criterion, the `all()` function returns TRUE; otherwise, it returns FALSE. If at least one element in a vector satisfies a logical criterion, the `any()` method returns TRUE; otherwise, it returns FALSE. To determine whether every value in the `mpg` column is larger than 20, for instance:

```
# Check if all values in mpg column are greater than 20
all(mtcars$mpg > 20)
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

And to check if at least one value in the `mpg` column is greater than 20:

Check if any value in `mpg` column is greater than 20

```
any(mtcars$mpg > 20)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

Creating new functions in R

1. Function to calculate average mileage:

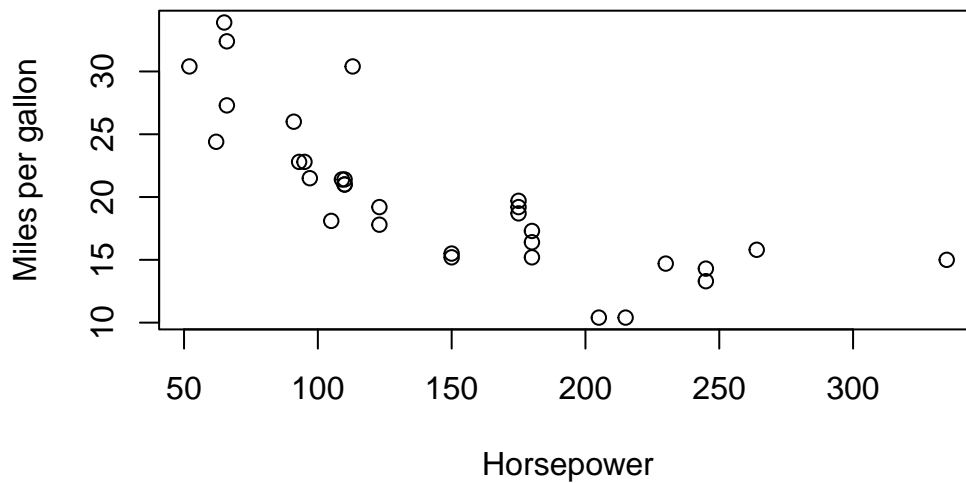
```
avg_mileage <- function(data) {
  mean(data$mpg)
}

# Usage
avg_mileage(mtcars) # Returns the average mileage of all cars in the dataset
```

```
[1] 20.09062
```

2. Function to plot a scatter plot of horsepower vs. miles per gallon:

```
plot_horsepower_vs_mpg <- function(data) {  
  plot(data$hp, data$mpg, xlab = "Horsepower", ylab = "Miles per gallon")  
}  
  
# Usage  
plot_horsepower_vs_mpg(mtcars) # Plots a scatter plot of horsepower vs. miles per gallon
```



```
[1] 19.74286
```

4. Function to calculate average horsepower for cars with a specific number of gears:

```
avg_hp_by_gear <- function(data, gear) {  
  mean(data$hp[data$gear == gear])  
}  
  
# Returns the average horsepower of cars with 3 gears  
avg_hp_by_gear(mtcars, 3)
```

```
[1] 176.1333
```

```
# Returns the average horsepower of cars with 4 gears  
avg_hp_by_gear(mtcars, 4)
```

```
[1] 89.5
```