Subsetting Data in R

Introduction to R for Public Health Researchers

Overview

We showed one way to read data into R using read_csv and read.csv. In this module, we will show you how to:

- 1. Select specific elements of an object by an index or logical condition
- 2. Renaming columns of a data.frame
- 3. Subset rows of a data.frame
- 4. Subset columns of a data.frame
- 5. Add/remove new columns to a data.frame
- 6. Order the columns of a data.frame
- 7. Order the rows of a data.frame

Setup

We will show you how to do each operation in base R then show you how to use the dplyr package to do the same operation (if applicable).

Many resources on how to use dplyr exist and are straightforward:

- https://cran.rstudio.com/web/packages/dplyr/vignettes/
- https://stat545-ubc.github.io/block009_dplyr-intro.html
- https://www.datacamp.com/courses/dplyr-data-manipulation-r-tutorial

The dplyr package also interfaces well with tibbles.

Loading in dplyr and tidyverse

```
library(tidyverse)

— Attaching packages — tidyverse 1.2.1 —

// ggplot2 3.1.0 // readr 1.1.1
// tibble 2.0.0 // purrr 0.2.5
// tidyr 0.8.2 // stringr 1.3.1
// ggplot2 3.1.0 // forcats 0.3.0

— Conflicts — tidyverse_conflicts() —

// dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
// dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
```

Note, when loading dplyr, it says objects can be "masked"/conflicts. That means if you use a function defined in 2 places, it uses the one that is loaded in **last**.

Loading in dplyr and tidyverse

For example, if we print filter, then we see at the bottom namespace:dplyr, which means when you type filter, it will use the one from the dplyr package.

filter

```
function (.data, ...)
{
    UseMethod("filter")
}
<bytecode: 0x7ff9bdbc8870>
<environment: namespace:dplyr>
```

Loading in dplyr and tidyverse

A filter function exists by default in the stats package, however. If you want to make sure you use that one, you use PackageName::Function with the colon-colon ("::") operator.

```
head(stats::filter,2)

1 function (x, filter, method = c("convolution", "recursive"),
2    sides = 2L, circular = FALSE, init = NULL)
```

This is important when loading many packages, and you may have some conflicts/masking.

Creating a data. frame to work with

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Here we use one of the datasets that comes with R called mtcars create a toy data.frame named df using random data:

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat wt gsec vs am gear carb
                   21.0
                          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0
                   21.0
                   22.8
                                  93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1
Datsun 710
                          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1
Hornet 4 Drive
                   21.4
                   18.7
Hornet Sportabout
                   18.1
Valiant
                          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                   14.3
                          8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0
                   24.4
                                   62 3.69 3.190
                   22.8
                   19.2
                          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30 1
                   17.8
                   16.4
                   17.3
                   15.2
                   10.4
                          8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
                   10.4
                   14.7
                          8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345 17.42
```

4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47

Creating a data. frame to work with

If we would like to create a tibble ("fancy" data.frame), we can using as.tbl. In the "tidy" data format, all information of interest is a variable (not a name). as of tibble 2.0, rownames are removed.

```
tbl = rownames_to_column(df, var = "car")
tbl = as.tbl(df) # no ROWNAMES
```

Renaming Columns

Renaming Columns of a data. frame: dplyr

To rename columns in dplyr, you use the rename command

Renaming All Columns of a data.frame: dplyr

To rename all columns you use the rename_all command (with a function)

```
df_upper = dplyr::rename_all(df, toupper)
head(df_upper)
```

	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

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Subsetting Columns

Subset columns of a data.frame:

We can grab the carb column using the \$ operator.

df\$carb

[1] 4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 4 3 3 3 4 4 4 1 2 1 1 2 2 4 2 1 2 2 4 6 8 2

Subset columns of a data.frame: dplyr

The select command from dplyr allows you to subset

select(df, mpg)

Hornet Sportabout Valiant Duster 360 Merc 240D Merc 230 Merc 280 Merc 280C Merc 450SE Merc 450SL Merc 450SLC Cadillac Fleetwood	
	10.4

Select columns of a data.frame: dplyr

The select command from dplyr allows you to subset columns matching strings:

select(df, mpg, cyl)

	mpg	cyl
Mazda RX4	21.0	6
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6
Datsun 710	22.8	4
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8
Valiant	18.1	
Duster 360	14.3	8
Merc 240D	24.4	4
Merc 230	22.8	4
Merc 280	19.2	6
Merc 280C	17.8	6
Merc 450SE	16.4	8
Merc 450SL	17.3	8
Merc 450SLC	15.2	8
Cadillac Fleetwood	10.4	8
Lincoln Continental	10.4	8
Chrysler Imperial	14.7	8
Fiat 128	32.4	4
Honda Civic	30.4	4
Toyota Corolla	33.9	4

See the Select "helpers"

Run the command:

```
??tidyselect::select_helpers
```

Here are a few:

```
one_of()
last_col()
ends_with()
contains() # like searching
matches() # Matches a regular expression - cover later
```

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Subsetting Rows

Subset rows of a data.frame: dplyr

The command in dplyr for subsetting rows is filter. Try ?filter

```
filter(df, mpg > 20 \mid mpg < 14)
   mpg cyl disp hp drat
  21.0
         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
  21.0
        6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0
  22.8
         4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
  21.4
         6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1
  24.4
         4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1
                 95 3.92 3.150 22.90
  22.8
         4 140.8
         8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
  10.4
         8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82
  10.4
9 32.4
         4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47
10 30.4
         4 75.7 52 4.93 1.615 18.52
11 33.9
            71.1 65 4.22 1.835 19.90
         4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01 1
         8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
13 13.3
14 27.3
         4 79.0 66 4.08 1.935 18.90
15 26.0
         4 120.3
                 91 4.43 2.140 16.70
16 30.4
         4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90 1
         4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60 1 1
17 21.4
```

Note, no \$ or subsetting is necessary. R "knows" mpg refers to a column of df.

Subset rows of a data.frame: dplyr

You can have multiple logical conditions using the following:

· &:AND

· |: OR

By default, you can separate conditions by commas, and filter assumes these statements are joined by &:

```
filter(df, mpg > 20 \& cyl == 4)
   mpg cyl disp hp drat wt gsec vs am gear carb
  22.8 4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
  24.4
        4 146.7
                62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1
  22.8
                 95 3.92 3.150 22.90 1
        4 140.8
  32.4
        4 78.7
                66 4.08 2.200 19.47 1
  30.4
        4 75.7
                 52 4.93 1.615 18.52
 33.9
        4 71.1
                 65 4.22 1.835 19.90
7 21.5
        4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01 1
 27.3
        4 79.0 66 4.08 1.935 18.90 1
  26.0
        4 120.3
                 91 4.43 2.140 16.70 0
10 30.4
        4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90 1
        4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60 1 1
11 21.4
```

Subset rows of a data.frame: dplyr

If you want OR statements, you need to do the pipe | explicitly:

```
filter(df, mpg > 20 | cyl == 4)
   mpg cyl disp hp drat
                           wt
  21.0
         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
  21.0
        6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0
  22.8
        4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1
  21.4
         6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1
  24.4
         4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1
  22.8
                 95 3.92 3.150 22.90 1
         4 140.8
  32.4
                 66 4.08 2.200 19.47
         4 78.7
 30.4
                 52 4.93 1.615 18.52
         4 75.7
9 33.9
         4 71.1
                 65 4.22 1.835 19.90
10 21.5
         4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01
           79.0
                 66 4.08 1.935 18.90
                 91 4.43 2.140 16.70 0
12 26.0
         4 120.3
13 30.4
         4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90 1
14 21.4
         4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60 1 1
```

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Combining filter and select

You can combine filter and select to subset the rows and columns, respectively, of a data.frame:

```
select(filter(df, mpg > 20 & cyl == 4), cyl, hp)
```

```
Cyl np
1 4 93
2 4 62
3 4 95
4 66
5 4 65
7 4 65
7 4 97
8 4 66
9 4 91
10 4 113
11 4 109
```

In R, the common way to perform multiple operations is to wrap functions around each other in a nested way such as above

Assigning Temporary Objects

One can also create temporary objects and reassign them:

```
df2 = filter(df, mpg > 20 \& cyl == 4)
df2 = select(df2, cyl, hp)
```

Using the pipe (comes with dplyr):

Recently, the pipe %>% makes things such as this much more readable. It reads left side "pipes" into right side. RStudio CMD/Ctrl + Shift + M shortcut. Pipe df into filter, then pipe that into select:

```
df %>% filter(mpg > 20 & cyl == 4) %>% select(cyl, hp)
```

```
cyl hp
1 4 93
2 4 62
3 4 95
4 66
5 4 65
7 4 97
8 4 66
9 4 91
10 4 113
11 4 109
```

Adding/Removing Columns

Adding new columns to a data.frame: base R

You can add a new column, called newcol to df, using the \$ operator:

```
df$newcol = df$wt/2.2 head(df,3)
```

```
      mpg cyl disp
      hp drat
      wt qsec vs am gear carb
      newcol

      Mazda RX4
      21.0
      6
      160
      110
      3.90
      2.620
      16.46
      0
      1
      4
      4
      1.190909

      Mazda RX4 Wag
      21.0
      6
      160
      110
      3.90
      2.875
      17.02
      0
      1
      4
      4
      1.306818

      Datsun 710
      22.8
      4
      108
      93
      3.85
      2.320
      18.61
      1
      1
      4
      1
      1.054545
```

Adding columns to a data.frame: dplyr

The \$ method is very common.

The mutate function in dplyr allows you to add or replace columns of a data.frame:

```
df = mutate(df, newcol = wt/2.2)
   mpg cyl disp hp drat wt
  21.0
         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                                                     4 1.1909091
  21.0
         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                     4 1.3068182
         4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
  22.8
                                                     1 1.0545455
         6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
  21.4
                                                     1 1.4613636
          8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
  18.7
                                                     2 1.5636364
  18.1
         6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                                     1 1.5727273
  14.3
         8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
  24.4
  22.8
                  95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                                     2 1.4318182
11 17.8
         6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90
                                                     4 1.5636364
12 16.4
          8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40
13 17.3
         8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
                                                     3 1.6954545
14 15.2
         8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
15 10.4
         8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
                                                     4 2.3863636
16 10.4
         8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424
                                                     4 2.4654545
17 14.7
         4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47
18 32.4
                                                     1 1.0000000
```

Creating conditional variables

One frequently-used tool is creating variables with conditions.

A general function for creating new variables based on existing variables is the ifelse() function, which "returns a value with the same shape as test which is filled with elements selected from either yes or no depending on whether the element of test is TRUE or FALSE."

Adding columns to a data.frame: dplyr

Combined with ifelse (condition, TRUE, FALSE), it can give you didffer

Removing columns to a data.frame: base R

You can remove a column by assigning to NULL:

dfnewcol = NULL

Removing columns to a data.frame: dplyr

The NULL method is still very common.

16 10.4

17 14.7

18 32.4

The select function can remove a column with a minus (-), much like removing rows:

```
select(df, -newcol)
   mpg cyl disp hp drat
                             wt qsec vs am gear carb disp cat
  21.0
         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
  21.0
         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875
  22.8
                  93 3.85 2.320 18.61
  21.4
         6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
  18.7
         8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
  18.1
  14.3
  24.4
         4 146.7
                  62 3.69 3.190 20.00
11 17.8
12 16.4
         8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40
13 17.3
                     3.07
14 15.2
15 10.4
         8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
```

8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82

4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47

Removing columns to a data.frame: dplyr

Remove newcol and drat

```
select(df, -one of("newcol", "drat"))
   mpg cyl disp hp wt gsec vs am gear carb disp cat
         6 160.0 110 2.620 16.46 0 1
  21.0
        6 160.0 110 2.875 17.02 0
  21.0
  22.8
        4 108.0 93 2.320 18.61 1
  21.4
         6 258.0 110 3.215 19.44 1
  18.7
         8 360.0 175 3.440 17.02 0
  18.1
         6 225.0 105 3.460 20.22 1
         8 360.0 245 3.570 15.84
  14.3
  24.4
         4 146.7
                  62 3.190 20.00
9 22.8
         4 140.8 95 3.150 22.90 1
10 19.2
         6 167.6 123 3.440 18.30 1
11 17.8
         6 167.6 123 3.440 18.90
12 16.4
         8 275.8 180 4.070 17.40
13 17.3
         8 275.8 180 3.730 17.60 0
14 15.2
         8 275.8 180 3.780 18.00 0
15 10.4
         8 472.0 205 5.250 17.98
16 10.4
         8 460.0 215 5.424 17.82
         8 440.0 230 5.345 17.42
17 14.7
18 32.4
            78.7
                  66 2.200 19.47
19 30.4
                  52 1.615 18.52
            75.7
20 33.9
         4 71.1
                  65 1.835 19.90
         4 120.1
                  97 2.465 20.01
21 21.5
22 15.5
         8 318.0 150 3.520 16.87
```

Ordering columns

Ordering the columns of a data. frame: dplyr

The select function can reorder columns. Put newcol first, then select the rest of columns:

select(df, newcol, everything())

```
qsec vs am qear carb disp cat
                             hp drat
                    6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
   1.3068182 21.0
                    6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
   1.0545455 22.8
                             93 3.85 2.320 18.61
   1.4613636 21.4
                    6 258.0 110 3.08
   1.5636364 18.7
  1.5727273 18.1
                    6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
  1.6227273 14.3
                    8 360.0 245 3.21
   1.4500000 24.4
                                 3.69
                    6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
10 1.5636364 19.2
12 1.8500000 16.4
16 2.4654545 10.4
17 2.4295455 14.7
                             66 4.08 2.200 19.47
18 1.0000000 32.4
                       78.7
19 0.7340909
                             52 4.93 1.615 18.52
20 0.8340909 33.9
```

Ordering the columns of a data. frame: dplyr

Put newcol at the end ("remove, everything, then add back in"):

```
select(df, -newcol, everything(), newcol)
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat wt gsec vs am gear carb disp cat
  21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                                                             Low 1.1909091
  21.0
         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                             Low 1.3068182
  22.8
                  93 3.85 2.320 18.61
         4 108.0
                                                             Low 1.0545455
  21.4
          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                         Medium 1.4613636
  18.7
          8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                         Medium 1.5636364
  18.1
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                                         Medium 1.5727273
  14.3
          8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
                                                         Medium 1.6227273
                                                             Low 1.4500000
  24.4
                   62 3.69 3.190 20.00
9 22.8
                  95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                                             Low 1.4318182
10 19.2
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
                                                             Low 1.5636364
11 17.8
                                                             Low 1.5636364
12 16.4
          8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40
                                                         Medium 1.8500000
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
13 17.3
                                                         Medium 1.6954545
14 15.2
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
                                                         Medium 1.7181818
15 10.4
          8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
                                                            High 2.3863636
                                                           High 2.4654545
16 10.4
          8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82
          8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345 17.42
                                                           High 2.4295455
17 14.7
18 32.4
             78.7
                   66 4.08 2.200 19.47
                                                            Low 1.0000000
19 30.4
             75.7
                   52 4.93 1.615 18.52
                                                             Low 0.7340909
20 33.9
                   65 4.22 1.835 19.90
                                                             Low 0.8340909
21 21.5
                   97 3.70 2.465 20.01
                                                             Low 1.12045/45
22 15.5
          8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87
                                                         Medium 1.6000000
```

Ordering rows

Ordering the rows of a data. frame: dplyr

The arrange function can reorder rows By default, arrange orders in ascending order:

arrange(df, mpg)

```
hp drat
                                                           newcol disp cat
   10.4
          8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250
                                                      4 2.3863636
   10.4
          8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82
                                                      4 2.4654545
          8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
   13.3
                                                      4 1.7454545
   14.3
          8 360.0 245 3.21
                                                      4 1.6227273
  14.7
          8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345 17.42
  15.0
          8 301.0 335 3.54 3.570 14.60
                                                      8 1.6227273
  15.2
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
                                                      3 1.7181818
  15.2
          8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435
                                                      2 1.5613636
          8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87
10 15.8
          8 351.0 264 4.22 3.170 14.50
                                                      4 1.4409091
11 16.4
12 17.3
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
                                                      3 1.6954545
13 17.8
14 18.1
15 18.7
16 19.2
          8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05
17 19.2
                                                      2 1.7477273
18 19.7
          6 145.0 175 3.62 2.770 15.50
19 21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                      4 1.3068182
20 21.0
```

Ordering the rows of a data. frame: dplyr

Use the desc to arrange the rows in descending order:

8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40

22 16.4

```
arrange(df, desc(mpq))
                                                            newcol disp cat
                   hp drat
                   65 4.22 1.835
                                  19.90
                                                       1 0.8340909
   32.4
             78.7
                   66 4.08 2.200 19.47
                                                       1 1.0000000
   30.4
             75.7
                   52 4.93 1.615 18.52
                                                       2 0.7340909
   30.4
                                                       2 0.6877273
                  113 3.77 1.513 16.90
             79.0
                   66 4.08 1.935 18.90
                   91 4.43 2.140 16.70
  26.0
          4 120.3
                                                       2 0.9727273
                   62 3.69 3.190 20.00
  24.4
          4 146.7
                                                       2 1.4500000
  22.8
                                                       1 1.0545455
          4 108.0
                   93 3.85 2.320 18.61
  22.8
                   95 3.92 3.150 22.90
10 21.5
          4 120.1
                   97 3.70 2.465 20.01
                                                      1 1.1204545
                                                       2 1.2636364
                                                       4 1.1909091
13 21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
14 21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
15 19.7
                      3.62 2.770 15.50
                                                       4 1.5636364
16 19.2
17 19.2
18 18.7
19 18.1
20 17.8
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90
                                                       4 1.5636364
21 17.3
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
                                                       3 1.6954545
```

3 1.8500000

Ordering the rows of a data. frame: dplyr

It is a bit more straightforward to mix increasing and decreasing orderings:

```
arrange(df, mpg, desc(hp))
            disp hp drat
                              wt
                                                           newcol disp cat
          8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424
   10.4
                                                      4 2.4654545
   10.4
          8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
                                                      4 2.3863636
  13.3
          8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
                                                      4 1.7454545
   14.3
          8 360.0 245 3.21
                                                      4 1.6227273
   14.7
  15.0
          8 301.0 335 3.54 3.570 14.60
                                                      8 1.6227273
   15.2
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
                                                      3 1.7181818
   15.2
  15.5
                                                      2 1.6000000
          8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87
11 16.4
12 17.3
                                                      3 1.6954545
                      3.07 3.730
13 17.8
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90
14 18.1
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
15 18.7
16 19.2
          8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845
                                                      2 1.7477273
17 19.2
                                                      4 1.5636364
18 19.7
          6 145.0 175 3.62 2.770 15.50
20 21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875
                                                      4 1.3068182
                                                                     Medium
21 21 4
          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                      1 1.4613636
22 21.4
          4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60
                                                      2 1.2636364
```

Transmutation

The transmute function in dplyr combines both the mutate and select functions. One can create new columns and keep the only the columns wanted:

```
transmute (df, newcol2 = wt/2.2, mpg, hp)
  1.1909091 21.0 110
  1.0545455 22.8
  1.5636364 18.7 175
  1.5727273 18.1 105
  1.4500000 24.4 62
12 1.8500000 16.4 180
16 2.4654545 10.4 215
18 1.0000000 32.4
19 0.7340909 30.4
20 0.8340909 33.9
```

Lab Part 4

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Bracket Subsetting

Select specific elements using an index

Often you only want to look at subsets of a data set at any given time. As a review, elements of an R object are selected using the brackets ([and]).

For example, x is a vector of numbers and we can select the second element of x using the brackets and an index (2):

$$x = c(1, 4, 2, 8, 10)$$

 $x[2]$

[1] 4

Select specific elements using an index

We can select the fifth or second AND fifth elements below:

```
x = c(1, 2, 4, 8, 10)
x[5]

[1] 10
x[c(2,5)]

[1] 2 10
```

Subsetting by deletion of entries

You can put a minus (–) before integers inside brackets to remove these indices from the data.

```
x[-2] # all but the second
[1] 1 4 8 10
```

Note that you have to be careful with this syntax when dropping more than 1 element:

```
x[-c(1,2,3)] # drop first 3

[1] 8 10

# x[-1:3] # shorthand. R sees as -1 to 3
x[-(1:3)] # needs parentheses

[1] 8 10
```

Select specific elements using logical operators

What about selecting rows based on the values of two variables? We use logical statements. Here we select only elements of x greater than 2:

```
x
[1] 1 2 4 8 10

x > 2
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE

x[ x > 2 ]
[1] 4 8 10
```

Select specific elements using logical operators

You can have multiple logical conditions using the following:

- · &:AND
- · |: OR

[1]

$$x[x > 5 | x == 2]$$

which function

The which functions takes in logical vectors and returns the index for the elements where the logical value is TRUE.

```
which(x > 5 | x == 2) # returns index

[1] 2 4 5

x[ which(x > 5 | x == 2) ]

[1] 2 8 10

x[ x > 5 | x == 2 ]

[1] 2 8 10
```

Renaming Columns of a data. frame: base R

We can use the colnames function to extract and/or directly reassign column names of df:

```
[1] "mpg" "cyl"
                                             "drat"
                        "disp"
                                   "hp"
                                                        11 <sub>17/7</sub> 11
            "vs"
                                   "gear"
[7] "asec"
                         "am"
                                             "carb"
                                                     "newcol"
[13] "disp cat"
colnames(df)[1:3] = c("MPG", "CYL", "DISP") # reassigns
  MPG CYL DISP hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb newcol disp cat
          160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
1 21.0
                                              4 1.190909
2 21.0
        6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
                                             4 1.306818
                                             1 1.054545
          108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
3 22.8
          258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3
                                             1 1.461364 Medium
4 21.4
                                          3 2 1.563636
5 18.7
        8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                         3 1 1.572727
        6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
6 18.1
colnames(df)[1:3] = c("mpg", "cyl", "disp") #reset - just to keep consistent
```

Renaming Columns of a data.frame: base R

We can assign the column names, change the ones we want, and then re-assign the column names:

Subset rows of a data. frame with indices:

Let's select **rows** 1 and 3 from df using brackets:

```
df[c(1, 3),]
    mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb newcol disp_cat
1 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.62 16.46 0 1 4 4 1.190909 Low
3 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.32 18.61 1 1 4 1 1.054545 Low
```

Subset columns of a data. frame:

We can also subset a data.frame using the bracket [,] subsetting.

For data.frames and matrices (2-dimensional objects), the brackets are [rows, columns] subsetting. We can grab the x column using the index of the column or the column name ("carb")

```
df[, 11]

[1] 4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 4 3 3 3 4 4 4 1 2 1 1 2 2 4 2 1 2 2 4 6 8 2

df[, "carb"]

[1] 4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 4 3 3 3 4 4 4 1 2 1 1 2 2 4 2 1 2 2 4 6 8 2
```

Biggest difference between tbl and data.frame:

Mostly, tbl (tibbles) are the same as data.frames, except they don't print all lines. When subsetting only one column using brackets, a data.frame will return a vector, but a tbl will return a tbl

```
df[, 1]
[1] 21.0 21.0 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 17.8 16.4 17.3 15.2
[15] 10.4 10.4 14.7 32.4 30.4 33.9 21.5 15.5 15.2 13.3 19.2 27.3 26.0 30.4
[29] 15.8 19.7 15.0 21.4
tbl[, 1]
# A tibble: 32 x 1
 5 18.7
9 22.8
```

Subset columns of a data. frame:

We can select multiple columns using multiple column names:

```
df[, c("mpg", "cyl")]
  21.0
  21.0
  22.8
  21.4
  18.7
  18.1
  14.3
  24.4
 22.8
10 19.2
11 17.8
12 16.4
13 17.3
14 15.2
15 10.4
16 10.4
17 14.7
18 32.4
19 30.4
20 33.9
21 21.5
22 15.5
```