

Homework 8

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Creating a data frame object _____

Create a vector called ID that contains a number from 1 through 6

```
ID <- sample (1:6)
```

Create a vector called Race that contains the following:

“black”, “white”, “black”, “hispanic”, “white”, “white”

```
race <- c("Black", "White", "Black", "hispanic", "White", "White")
```

What is the type of the Race vector?

Is it a factor? Is it a character? Is it a logical vector?

Find out by using some commands.

```
# Three commands are used since it asked for "some" commands  
class(race)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

```
typeof(race)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

```
str(race)
```

```
## chr [1:6] "Black" "White" "Black" "hispanic" "White" "White"
```

Create a vector called Voted_For_Obama that contains the following:

TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE

```
voted_for_obama <- c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)
```

Find out the data type of the Voted_For_Obama vector

```
class(voted_for_obama)
```

```
## [1] "logical"
```

Create a vector called Party_ID that contains the following:

“Dem”, “Dem”, “Dem”, “Rep”, “Ind”, “Rep”

```
party_id <- c("dem", "dem", "dem", "rep", "ind", "rep")
```

Create a vector called Income_Level that contains the following:

“High”, “Low”, “Low”, “High”, “High”, “Low”

```
income_level <- c("high", "low", "low", "high", "high", "low")
```

Create a vector called Approval that contains the following:

70, 80, 68, 20, 10, 60

```
approval <- c(70, 80, 68, 20, 10, 60)
```

Create a data frame called `vote.data` by combining the six vectors you have created above.

```
voter_data <- data.frame(ID, race, voted_for_obama, party_id, income_level, approval,  
                          stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
```

We have seen above that the `Race` vector was a character vector.

We have learned in the joint exercise that we should treat a vector like this one as a factor, not as a character.

A nice thing about data frame objects is that, it will convert vectors like the `Race` vector into factors automatically.

To convince yourself that the `Race` vector included in the `vote.data` is indeed a factor vector, apply the `is.factor` function on it.

```
is.factor(voter_data$race)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

Notice that `is.factor(Race)` returns `FALSE` but the command you wrote above should return `TRUE`.

How many people in this data set voted for Obama?

That is, for how many observations does the variable `Voted_For_Obama` take the value of `TRUE`? Write R commands that gives you the answer.

Note that I know the answer is 4. What you need to give me is the command that gives us the answer 4.

Hint 1: there is a function called `length` that returns the length of a vector. One way to do this task is to measure the length of a subset of the `Voted_For_Obama` vector where the values are `TRUE`.

Hint 2: there is a function called `nrow` that returns the number of rows of a matrix or a data frame. Another way to do this task is to measure the number of rows of a subset of the `vote.data` object for which `Voted_For_Obama` is equal to `TRUE`.

```
number_voted_for_obama <- nrow(subset(voter_data, voted_for_obama == TRUE))
number_voted_for_obama
```

```
## [1] 4
```

There is one person in this data set who identifies himself as “Ind” (Independent). Did he vote for Obama?

Again, I know he didn’t. Give me the command that gives us the answer FALSE

```
voter_data$voted_for_obama[voter_data$party_id == "ind"]
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
subset(voter_data, party_id == "ind")$voted_for_obama
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

Create a subset of the data set that contains only “white” people. Store this smaller data set into an object called vote.white

```
vote.white <- subset(voter_data, race == "White")
```

Show the third column of the newly created data set vote.white

```
vote.white[3]
```

```
##   voted_for_obama
## 2              TRUE
## 5              FALSE
## 6              TRUE
```

How many white voters in this mini data set voted for Obama?

Again, I know the answer is 2. Write a command that gives the answer 2.

```
sum(vote.white$voted_for_obama)
```

```
## [1] 2
```

```
# This counts just the number of TRUEs within a logical variable by treating  
# TRUE as 1 and FALSE as 0
```

Some extra exercises

Modifying a data frame object _____

We have created a data frame called my.data in gv900-week5-Review.R.

Let's see how we can add variables to an existing data frame.

To add a new variable, you also use the \$ symbol.

Specifically, we write DATAFRAME \$ NEW_VARIABLE_NAME <- VALUES

For example, in order to add a new variable called Population

that contains the following values:

```
318946000, 64105654, 127090000, 1367420000, 203322000, 80781000,  
87354300
```

We write

```
my.data $ Population <- c(318946000, 64105654, 127090000, 1367420000, 203322000, 80781000,  
87354300)
```

```
my.data
```

If the Console window is wide enough, it should be showing up like this:

```
> my.data
```

	Country_ID	Country_Name	Regime_Type	GDP_PC	EU_Member	Population
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1	1	United States	Democracy	51163	FALSE	318946000
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2	2	United Kingdom	Democracy	39367	TRUE	64105654
---	---	----------------	-----------	-------	------	----------

3	3	Japan	Democracy	46838	FALSE	127090000
---	---	-------	-----------	-------	-------	-----------

4	4	China	Dictatorship	6070	FALSE	1367420000
---	---	-------	--------------	------	-------	------------

5	5	Brazil	Democracy	11347	FALSE	203322000
---	---	--------	-----------	-------	-------	-----------

6	6	Germany	Democracy	41376	TRUE	80781000
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7	7	Egypt	Dictatorship	3115	FALSE	87354300
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We can see that a new column is now added at the end (far right).

If the Console window is not wide enough, it may show up like this:

```
> my.data
```

	Country_ID	Country_Name	Regime_Type	GDP_PC	EU_Member
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1	1	United States	Democracy	51163	FALSE
---	---	---------------	-----------	-------	-------

2	2	United Kingdom	Democracy	39367	TRUE
---	---	----------------	-----------	-------	------

3	3	Japan	Democracy	46838	FALSE
---	---	-------	-----------	-------	-------

4	4	China	Dictatorship	6070	FALSE
---	---	-------	--------------	------	-------

5	5	Brazil	Democracy	11347	FALSE
---	---	--------	-----------	-------	-------

6	6	Germany	Democracy	41376	TRUE
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If you want to browse a data frame object, use the View function

```
View(my.data)
```

We can create a new variable that is an answer to some operations.

For example, GDP_PC measures per capita GDP (in 2013 US dollars).

This was calculated as a country's GDP divided by its population:

$$\text{GDP_PC} = \text{GDP} / \text{Population}$$

Therefore, if we multiply GDP_PC and Population, we can obtain its

GDP:

$$\text{GDP} = \text{GDP_PC} * \text{Population}$$

Create a variable within the my.data object called GDP which is equal to

the product of GDP_PC and Population (GDP_PC times Population).

```
world$gdppcap08
```

Write your commands here

```
my.data
```

It is a little bit difficult to read numbers like 1.631823e+13, which

means $1.631823 * 10^{13}$. Let's create another variable that shows

re-scaled GDPs by dividing the raw GDP by 1000000 (on million).

```
my.data $ GDP_mil <- my.data $ GDP / 1000000
```

```
my.data
```


So, now this new variable `GDP_mil` is shown in 1 million dollars.

For example, the value of `GDP_mil` is 16318234.2 for the United States, which means that GDP of the US is 16318234.2 million dollars.

Create a new variable within `my.data` called `Is_Democracy` that is a logical vector that tells us whether or not a country is democratic.

Hint: utilize the `Regime_Type` variable included in the `my.data` object.

Write your commands here

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