

Base R

Cheat Sheet

Getting Help

Accessing the help files

?mean

Get help of a particular function.

help.search('weighted mean')

Search the help files for a word or phrase.

help(package = 'dplyr')

Find help for a package.

More about an object

str(iris)

Get a summary of an object's structure.

class(iris)

Find the class an object belongs to.

Using Packages

install.packages('dplyr')

Download and install a package from CRAN.

library(dplyr)

Load the package into the session, making all its functions available to use.

dplyr::select

Use a particular function from a package.

data(iris)

Working Directory

getwd()

Find the current working directory (where inputs are found and outputs are sent).

setwd('C://file/path')

Change the current working directory.

Use projects in RStudio to set the working directory to the folder you are working in.

Vectors

Creating Vectors

<code>c(2, 4, 6)</code>	<code>2 4 6</code>	Join elements into a vector
<code>2:6</code>	<code>2 3 4 5 6</code>	An integer sequence
<code>seq(2, 3, by=0.5)</code>	<code>2.0 2.5 3.0</code>	A complex sequence
<code>rep(1:2, times=3)</code>	<code>1 2 1 2 1 2</code>	Repeat a vector
<code>rep(1:2, each=3)</code>	<code>1 1 1 2 2 2</code>	Repeat elements of a vector

Vectors Functions

sort(x)

Return x sorted.

rev(x)

Return x reversed.

table(x)

See counts of values.

unique(x)

See unique values.

Selecting Vector Elements

By Position

`x[4]`

The fourth element.

`x[-4]`

All but the fourth.

`x[2:4]`

Elements two to four.

`x[-(2:4)]`

All elements except two to four.

`x[c(1, 5)]`

Elements one and five.

By Value

`x[x == 10]`

Element which are equal to 10.

`x[which(x==10)]`

Element which are equal to 10.

`x[x < 0]`

All elements less than zero.

`x[x%in%c(1, 2, 5)]`

Elements in the set {1, 2, 5}.

Named Vectors

`x['apple']`

Element with name 'apple'.

Programming

For Loop

```
for (variable in sequence) {  
  Do something  
}
```

Example

```
for (i in 1:4) {  
  j <- i + 10  
  print(j)  
}
```

While Loop

```
while (condition) {  
  Do something  
}
```

Example

```
while (i < 5) {  
  print(i)  
  i <- i + 1  
}
```

If Statement

```
if (condition) {  
  Do something  
} else {  
  Do something  
}
```

Example

```
if (i > 3) {  
  printf('Yes')  
} else {  
  printf('No')  
}
```

Functions

```
func_name <- function(var) {  
  Do something  
  return(new_variable)  
}
```

Example

```
square <- function(x) {  
  squared <- x*x  
  return(squared)  
}
```

Reading and Writing Data

Also see the **readr** package.

Input	Output	Description
<code>df <- read.table('file.txt')</code>	<code>write.table(df, 'file.txt')</code>	Read and write a delimited text file.
<code>df <- read.csv('file.csv')</code>	<code>write.csv(df, 'file.csv')</code>	Read and write a comma separated value file. This is a special case of <code>read.table/write.table</code> .
<code>load('file.RData')</code>	<code>save(df, file = 'file.RData')</code>	Read and write an R data file, a file type special for R.

Conditions

<code>a == b</code>	Are equal	<code>a > b</code>	Greater than	<code>a >= b</code>	Greater than or equal to	<code>is.na(a)</code>	Is missing
<code>a != b</code>	Not equal	<code>a < b</code>	Less than	<code>a <= b</code>	Less than or equal to	<code>is.null(a)</code>	Is null

Types

Converting between common data types in R.
Can always go from a higher value in the table to a lower value.

<code>as.logical</code>	TRUE, FALSE, TRUE	Boolean values (TRUE or FALSE)
<code>as.numeric</code>	1, 0, 1	Integer or floating point numbers
<code>as.character</code>	'1', '0', '1'	Character strings. Generally preferred to factors
<code>as.factor</code>	'1', '0', '1' levels: '1', '0'	Character strings with preset levels. Needed for some statistical models

Maths Functions

<code>log(x)</code>	Natural log.	<code>sum(x)</code>	Sum.
<code>exp(x)</code>	Exponential.	<code>mean(x)</code>	Mean.
<code>max(x)</code>	Largest element.	<code>median(x)</code>	Median.
<code>min(x)</code>	Smallest element.	<code>quantile(x)</code>	Percentage quantiles.
<code>(x, n)</code>	Round to n decimal places.	<code>rank(x)</code>	Rank of elements.
<code>(x, n)</code>	Round to n significant figures.	<code>var(x)</code>	The variance.
<code>(x, y)</code>	Correlation.	<code>sd(x)</code>	The standard deviation.

Variable Assignment

```
> a <- 'apple'
> a
[1] 'apple'
```

The Environment

<code>ls()</code>	List all variables in the environment.
<code>rm(x)</code>	Remove x from the environment.
<code>rm(list = ls())</code>	Remove all variables from the environment.

You can use the environment panel in RStudio to browse variables in your environment.




Lists

```
l <- list(x = 1:5, y = c('a', 'b'))
```

A list is a collection of elements which can be of different types.

<code>l[[2]]</code>	<code>l[1]</code>	<code>l\$x</code>	<code>l['y']</code>
Second element of l.	New list with only the first element.	Element named x.	New list with only element named y.

Matrices

	<code>m[2,]</code> - Select a row	<code>t(m)</code> Transpose <code>m %*% n</code> Matrix Multiplication <code>solve(m, n)</code> Find x in $m \cdot x = n$
	<code>m[, 1]</code> - Select a column	
	<code>m[2, 3]</code> - Select an element	

Data Frames



Also see the **dplyr** package.

```
df <- data.frame(x = 1:3, y = c('a', 'b', 'c'))
```

A special case of a list where all elements are the same length.

x	y
1	a
2	b
3	c




List subsetting

<code>df\$x</code>	<code>df[[2]]</code>
	

Understanding a data frame

<code>view(df)</code>	See the full data frame.
<code>head(df)</code>	See the first 6 rows.



Matrix subsetting

<code>df[, 2]</code>		<code>nrow(df)</code> Number of rows.
<code>df[2,]</code>		<code>ncol(df)</code> Number of columns.
<code>df[2, 2]</code>		<code>dim(df)</code> Number of columns and rows.

cbind - Bind columns.

	
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rbind - Bind rows.

	
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Strings

Also see the **stringr** package.

<code>paste(x, y, sep = '')</code>	Join multiple vectors together.
<code>paste(x, collapse = '')</code>	Join elements of a vector together.
<code>grep(pattern, x)</code>	Find regular expression matches in x.
<code>gsub(pattern, replace, x)</code>	Replace matches in x with a string.
<code>toupper(x)</code>	Convert to uppercase.
<code>tolower(x)</code>	Convert to lowercase.
<code>nchar(x)</code>	Number of characters in a string.

Factors

<code>factor(x)</code>	Turn a vector into a factor. Can set the levels of the factor and the order.
<code>cut(x, breaks = 4)</code>	Turn a numeric vector into a factor by 'cutting' into sections.

Statistics




<code>lm(y ~ x, data=df)</code> Linear model.	<code>t.test(x, y)</code> Perform a t-test for difference between means.	<code>prop.test</code> Test for a difference between proportions.
<code>glm(y ~ x, data=df)</code> Generalized linear model.	<code>pairwise.t.test</code> Perform a t-test for paired data.	<code>aov</code> Analysis of variance.
<code>summary</code> Get more detailed information out a model.		

Distributions

	Random Variates	Density Function	Cumulative Distribution	Quantile
Normal	<code>rnorm</code>	<code>dnorm</code>	<code>pnorm</code>	<code>qnorm</code>
Poisson	<code>rpois</code>	<code>dpois</code>	<code>ppois</code>	<code>qpois</code>
Binomial	<code>rbinom</code>	<code>dbinom</code>	<code>pbinom</code>	<code>qbinom</code>
Uniform	<code>runif</code>	<code>dunif</code>	<code>punif</code>	<code>qunif</code>

Plotting

Also see the **ggplot2** package.

	<code>plot(x)</code> Values of x in order.		<code>plot(x, y)</code> Values of x against y.		<code>hist(x)</code> Histogram of x.
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Dates

See the **lubridate** package.