

R Essentail Functions

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1 Mathematical Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
sum	<code>sum(x)</code>	Calculates the sum of values in <code>x</code> .	<code>sum(c(1, 2, 3, 4))</code>	10
mean	<code>mean(x)</code>	Calculates the mean (average) of values in <code>x</code> .	<code>mean(c(1, 2, 3, 4))</code>	2.5
median	<code>median(x)</code>			

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summary	<code>summary(object)</code>	Provides a concise summary of an object in R. For numeric vectors, it shows the minimum, maximum, median, mean, first quartile, and third quartile. For factors, it gives the counts for each level.	<code>summary(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5))</code>	Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.

`str` | `str(object)` | Displays the internal structure of an R object. A diagnostic function and a compact display of an object's structure. Useful for understanding the type and structure of complex objects like lists or data frames. | `str(data.frame(x = 1:3, y = c("A", "B", "C")))` | 'data.frame': 3 obs. of 2 variables. | `median(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5))` | 3 |
`sd` | `sd(x)` | Calculates the standard deviation of values in x. | `sd(c(1, 2, 3, 4))` | 1.118034 |
`abs` | `abs(x)` | Calculates the absolute value of x. | `abs(-3)` | 3 |
`sqrt` | `sqrt(x)` | Calculates the square root of x. | `sqrt(16)` | 4 |
`log` | `log(x, base)` | Calculates the logarithm of x with the given base. | `log(100, base = 10)` | 2 |
`exp` | `exp(x)` | Calculates the exponential of x. | `exp(2)` | 7.389056 |
`round` | `round(x, digits)` | Rounds x to the specified number of digits. | `round(3.14159, digits = 2)` | 3.14 |
`ceiling` | `ceiling(x)` | Rounds x up to the nearest integer. | `ceiling(3.14)` | 4 |
`floor` | `floor(x)` | Rounds x down to the nearest integer. | `floor(3.14)` | 3 |
`min` | `min(x)` | Finds the minimum value in x. | `min(c(2, 4, 1, 6))` | 1 |
`max` | `max(x)` | Finds the maximum value in x. | `max(c(2, 4, 1, 6))` | 6 |
`range` | `range(x)` | Finds the range (min and max) of x. | `range(c(2, 4, 1, 6))` | 1, 6 |
`IQR` | `IQR(x)` | Calculates the interquartile range of x. | `IQR(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5))` | 1.5 |

2 String Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
paste	<code>paste(..., sep = " ")</code>	Combines multiple strings or values.	<code>paste("Hello", "World")</code>	"Hello World"
paste0	<code>paste0(...)</code>	Combines multiple strings or values without space.	<code>paste0("Hello", "World")</code>	"HelloWorld"

Function Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
<code>toupper toupper(x)</code>	Converts characters in <code>x</code> to uppercase.	<code>toupper("hello")</code>	"HELLO"
<code>tolower tolower(x)</code>	Converts characters in <code>x</code> to lowercase.	<code>tolower("Hello")</code>	"hello"
<code>startsWith startsWith(x, prefix)</code>	Checks if the string <code>x</code> starts with the <code>prefix</code> .	<code>startsWith("Hello World", "Hello")</code>	TRUE

3 Data Structures

Function Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
<code>c c(...)</code>	Combines values into a vector or list.	<code>c(1, 2, 3)</code>	1, 2, 3
<code>data.frame data.frame(...)</code>	Creates a data frame from vectors or lists.	<code>data.frame(Name=c("Alice", "Bob"), Age=c(25, 30))</code>	A data frame object
<code>matrix matrix(data, nrow, ncol)</code>	Creates a matrix from data with specified rows and columns.	<code>matrix(1:9, nrow = 3, ncol = 3)</code>	A matrix object

4 Data Manipulation Functions

Function Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
<code>length length(x)</code>	Returns the length of vector <code>x</code> .	<code>length(c(1, 2, 3, 4))</code>	4
<code>sort sort(x)</code>	Sorts the elements of vector <code>x</code> in ascending order.	<code>sort(c(3, 1, 4, 1, 5))</code>	1, 1, 3, 4, 5
<code>order order(x)</code>	Returns the permutation needed to sort <code>x</code> .	<code>order(c(3, 1, 4, 1, 5))</code>	2, 4, 1, 3, 5
<code>rank rank(x)</code>	Computes the ranks of elements in <code>x</code> .	<code>rank(c(3, 1, 4, 1, 5))</code>	4, 1, 5, 2, 3
<code>unique unique(x)</code>	Returns the unique values in <code>x</code> .	<code>unique(c(1, 2, 2, 3, 3))</code>	1, 2, 3

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
<code>cbind</code>	<code>cbind(...)</code>	Combines vectors or data frames by column binding.	<code>cbind(dataframe1, dataframe2)</code>	Combined data frame
<code>rbind</code>	<code>rbind(...)</code>	Combines vectors or data frames by row binding.	<code>rbind(dataframe1, dataframe2)</code>	Combined data frame
<code>rownames</code>	<code>rownames(x)</code>	Retrieves or sets the row names of a matrix or data frame <code>x</code> .	<code>rownames(dataframe)</code>	Character vector of row names
<code>colnames</code>	<code>colnames(x)</code>	Retrieves or sets the column names of a matrix or data frame <code>x</code> .	<code>colnames(dataframe)</code>	Character vector of column names

5 Set Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
<code>union</code>	<code>union(x, y)</code>	Returns the union of sets <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> .	<code>union(c(1, 2, 3), c(3, 4, 5))</code>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
<code>intersect</code>	<code>intersect(x, y)</code>	Returns the intersection of sets <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> .	<code>intersect(c(1, 2, 3), c(3, 4, 5))</code>	3
<code>setdiff</code>	<code>setdiff(x, y)</code>	Returns the set difference of sets <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> .	<code>setdiff(c(1, 2, 3), c(3, 4, 5))</code>	1, 2
<code>setequal</code>	<code>setequal(x, y)</code>	Checks if sets <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> are equal.	<code>setequal(c(1, 2, 3), c(3, 2, 1))</code>	TRUE

6 Apply and Sweep Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
apply	<code>apply(X, MARGIN, FUN, ...)</code>	Applies a function FUN to rows or columns of a matrix X.	<code>apply(matrix(1:9, nrow = 3), 1, sum)</code>	6, 15, 24
lapply	<code>lapply(X, FUN, ...)</code>	Applies a function FUN to each element of a list X.	<code>lapply(list(1, 2, 3), function(x) x * 2)</code>	2, 4, 6
sapply	<code>sapply(X, FUN, ...)</code>	Applies a function FUN to each element of a list X and simplifies the result.	<code>sapply(list(1, 2, 3), function(x) x * 2)</code>	2, 4, 6
mapply	<code>mapply(FUN, ...)</code>	Applies a function FUN to multiple lists or vectors in parallel.	<code>mapply(function(x, y) x + y, c(1, 2, 3), c(10, 20, 30))</code>	11, 22, 33
tapply	<code>tapply(X, INDEX, FUN, ...)</code>	Applies a function FUN to subsets of X specified by INDEX.	<code>tapply(1:10, c(1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2), sum)</code>	15, 40
sweep	<code>sweep(X, MARGIN, STATS, FUN)</code>	Sweeps through an array X and applies a function FUN to each element along the specified MARGIN while using STATS as the statistics array.		

7 Logical Functions

Function	Syntax	Description	Example Execution	Example Output
is.element	<code>is.element(x, y)</code>	Checks if elements of x are in set y.	<code>is.element(1, c(1, 2, 3))</code>	TRUE
ifelse	<code>ifelse(test, yes, no)</code>	Returns yes if test is TRUE, no otherwise.	<code>ifelse(2 > 1, "Yes", "No")</code>	"Yes"
is.numeric	<code>is.numeric(x)</code>	Checks if x is of numeric type.	<code>is.numeric(123)</code>	TRUE
is.integer	<code>is.integer(x)</code>	Checks if x is of integer type.	<code>is.integer(123)</code>	TRUE
is.character	<code>is.character(x)</code>	Checks if x is of character type.	<code>is.character("Hello")</code>	TRUE

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is.logical	<code>is.logical(x)</code>	Checks if <code>x</code> is of logical type.	<code>is.logical(TRUE)</code>	TRUE
is.factor	<code>is.factor(x)</code>	Checks if <code>x</code> is a factor.	<code>is.factor(factor(TRUE))</code>	TRUE
is.matrix	<code>is.matrix(x)</code>	Checks if <code>x</code> is a matrix.	<code>is.matrix(matrix(TRUE, nrow = 2))</code>	TRUE
is.data.frame	<code>is.data.frame(x)</code>	Checks if <code>x</code> is a data frame.	<code>is.data.frame(data.frame(a = 1:3))</code>	TRUE
is.list	<code>is.list(x)</code>	Checks if <code>x</code> is a list.	<code>is.list(list(1, 2, 3))</code>	TRUE
is.vector	<code>is.vector(x)</code>	Checks if <code>x</code> is a vector.	<code>is.vector(c(1, 2, 3))</code>	TRUE
is.null	<code>is.null(x)</code>	Checks if <code>x</code> is NULL.	<code>is.null(NULL)</code>	TRUE
is.na	<code>is.na(x)</code>	Checks for missing (NA) values in <code>x</code> .	<code>is.na(c(1, NA, 3))</code>	TRUE, TRUE, FALSE