

Data 8R Tables Cheat Sheet

A table can be created using...

`Table.read_table(path)` reads an existing table at a location on disk or the Internet. The argument `path` is a string.
`Table()` is an empty table with no columns.

A table `t` can be extended using...

`t.with_columns(label1, values1)` creates a table containing a column named `label1` containing `values1`. `label1` should be a string, and `values1` should be an array.
`t.with_columns(label1, values1, label2, values2)` creates a table containing a column named `label1` containing `values1`, and a column named `label2` containing `values2`.

For example:...

`Table().with_columns("R", make_array(1, 2))` is a table with a column named "R" containing the numbers 1 and 2.
`t.relabeled(old_label, new_label)` creates a copy of table `t` but with the specified column relabeled.

Table values can be accessed...

`t.num_columns` (no parentheses) returns the number of columns in the table, an integer.
`t.num_rows` (no parentheses) returns the number of columns in the table, an integer.
`t.column(label)` returns an array containing the values in the column in `t` named `label`. `label` should be a string.

A table with fewer columns can be produced with...

`t.select(label1, label2, ...)` returns a copy of the table with only the selected columns.
`t.drop(label1, label2, ...)` returns a copy of the table excluding the selected columns.

A table with a different number of rows can be produced with...

`t.take(array_of_indices)` returns a copy of the table with only the rows whose indices were in the array.
`t.sample(sample_size, with_replacement)` returns a new table with the specified number of rows randomly selected from the original table with or without replacement.
`t.where(label1, condition)` returns a copy of the table with only the rows that fulfill the condition, a "predicate".

Predicates include...

`are.equal_to(value)` returns a predicate that checks for being equal to `value`.
`are.not_equal_to(value)` returns a predicate that checks for not being equal to `value`.
`are.above(num)` returns a predicate that checks for being bigger than (and not equal to) `num`.
`are.below(num)` returns a predicate that checks for being less than (and not equal to) `num`.
`are.containing(value)` returns a predicate that checks for being a string that contains `value`, which should be a string.
`are.contained_in(values)` returns a predicate that checks for being an element of `values`, which should be an array.

Tables can generate visualizations with...

`t.barh(categories, values)` draws a horizontal bar chart using the `categories` column in `t` for bar names and the `values` column in `t` for bar lengths.
`t.group_barh(label)` draws a horizontal bar chart of the count distribution of the column in `t` named `label`.
`t.hist(label)` draws a histogram of the selected column.
`t.plot(label_x, label_y)` draws a line plot of the two columns selected.
`t.scatter(label_x, label_y)` draws a scatter plot of the columns selected.

Other table methods include...

`t.sort(label)` returns a copy of the table with the rows sorted by the selected label in either ascending (the default) or descending (with the extra argument `descending=True`) order.
`t.apply(func, label)` returns an *array* with one element per row of `t`. Each element is the value of calling `func` on a different element of the column in `t` named `label`.
`t.group(label)` returns a table of the count distribution of the column in `t` named `label`. One column of the returned table is named `label`, and the other is named "count".
`t.group(label, func)` returns a table with one row for each unique value in the column named `label`. It has a column with that name, and another column for each other column in `t`. Those columns are computed by grouping together the values in the original column according to the column named `label`, and then calling `func` on each such group of values. These columns have their original name, with the name of `func` appended.

Some additional useful functions in the `np` module are...

`np.repeat(value, num)` returns an array with `num` copies of `value`.
`np.append(array1, array2)` returns an array containing all the elements of `array1` followed by all the elements of `array2`.