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

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, ..., .preserve = FALSE)
{
    UseMethod("filter")
}
<bytecode: 0x000000014472c88>
<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

Here we use one of the datasets that comes with <code>jhu</code> called <code>jhu_cars</code>, which is a (copy of another called <code>mtcars</code>) create a toy data.frame named <code>df</code> using random data:

Creating a data. frame to work with

If we would like to create a tibble ("fancy" data.frame), we can using as.tbl or as_tibble.

```
tbl = as_tibble(df)
head(tbl)
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 12
              cyl disp
 car
        mpg
                      hp drat wt
                                 qsec
                                      VS
                                          am
                                             gear
 16.5
1 Mazda RX4 21
                6
                  160
                      110
                         3.9
                             2.62
2 Mazda RX4 W~ 21
                         3.9 2.88 17.0
                      110
                6 160
3 Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.32 18.6
4 Hornet 4 Dr~ 21.4 6 258
                      110 3.08 3.22 19.4
5 Hornet Spor~ 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.44 17.0
6 Valiant 18.1
             6 225
                      105 2.76 3.46 20.2
```

No rownames in tibbles!

In the "tidy" data format, all information of interest is a variable (not a name). as of tibble 2.0, rownames are removed. For example, mtcars has each car name as a row name:

```
head (mtcars, 2)
                                                                           mpg cyl disp hp drat wt gsec vs am gear carb
                                                                           21 6 160 110 3.9 2.620 16.46 0 1
Mazda RX4
Mazda RX4 Wag 21 6 160 110 3.9 2.875 17.02 0 1
head(as tibble(mtcars), 2)
# A tibble: 2 x 11
                    mpg cyl disp hp drat wt gsec
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             VS
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              am gear carb
          <dbl> <
                           21
                                                                6 160
                                                                                                                      110 3.9 2.62 16.5
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  0
                          21 6 160
                                                                                                                    110 3.9 2.88 17.0 0
```

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)
```

```
CAR MPG CYL DISP HP DRAT WT QSEC VS AM GEAR CARB

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

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

3 Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1 4 1

4 Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1

5 Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0 3 2

6 Valiant 18.1 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0 3
```

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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

24 13.3

The select command from dplyr allows you to subset (gives a tibble!)

```
select(df, mpg)
   mpg
  21.0
  21.0
  22.8
4 21.4
  18.7
6 18.1
7 14.3
8 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
23 15.2
```

Subset columns of a data. frame: dplyr

If you wanted it to be a single vector (not a tibble), use pull:

```
pull(select(df, mpg))

[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 10. [16] 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 15.8 19. [31] 15.0 21.4
```

Select columns of a data. frame: dplyr

22 15.5

23 15.2

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

```
select (df, mpg, cyl)
   mpg cyl
  21.0
  21.0
  22.8
  21.4
  18.7
6 18.1
 14.3
8 24.4
9 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
```

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

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

```
filter(df, mpg > 20 | mpg < 14)
```

```
disp hp drat
                                                       qsec vs am gear carb
                        mpg cyl
                                                   wt
             Mazda RX4 21.0
                                160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
1
                                                                      4
2
         Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0
                                160.0 110 3.90
                                                2.875 17.02
3
            Datsun 710 22.8
                                           3.85
4
                                           3.08
        Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
5
             Merc 240D 24.4
                                        62 3.69
6
              Merc 230 22.8 4
                                        95 3.92
   Cadillac Fleetwood 10.4
                                472.0 205 2.93
8
  Lincoln Continental 10.4
                                           3.00
9
              Fiat 128 32.4
                                 78.7
                                        66 4.08
10
           Honda Civic 30.4
                                 75.7
                                        52 4.93
11
        Toyota Corolla 33.9
                                        65 4.22
                                                1.835
12
         Toyota Corona 21.5
                               4 120.1
                                        97 3.70
                                                2.465
13
            Camaro Z28 13.3
                                350.0 245 3.73
                                                3.840
14
                                        66 4.08
             Fiat X1-9 27.3
15
         Porsche 914-2 26.0
                                        91 4.43
16
                                  95.1 113 3.77
                                                1.513 16.90
          Lotus Europa 30.4
17
            Volvo 142E 21.4
                              4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60
```

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

You can have multiple logical conditions using the following:

- · ==: equals to
- !: not/negation
- · > / <: greater than / less than
- >= or <=: greater than or equal to / less than or equal to
- · &:AND
- · |: OR

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

```
filter(df, mpg > 20 \& cyl == 4)
                          disp hp drat
                                          wt qsec vs am gear carb
                  mpg cyl
      Datsun 710 22.8
                        4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320
                                               18.61
       Merc 240D 24.4 4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190
                                               20.00
        Merc 230 22.8 4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150
        Fiat 128 32.4 4 78.7 66 4.08
                                         2.200
     Honda Civic 30.4 4 75.7 52 4.93 1.615 18.52
  Toyota Corolla 33.9 4 71.1 65 4.22 1.835 19.90
   Toyota Corona 21.5 4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01
       Fiat X1-9 27.3 4 79.0 66 4.08 1.935
   Porsche 914-2 26.0 4 120.3 91 4.43 2.140
    Lotus Europa 30.4 4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90
Volvo 142E 21.4 4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60
10
11
filter(df, mpg > 20, cyl == 4)
                          disp hp drat
                  mpg cyl
                                            wt
                                                qsec vs am gear carb
             car
      Datsun 710 22.8 4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320
                                               18.61
                                                     1
                                                        1
       Merc 240D 24.4 4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190
                                               20.00
        Merc 230 22.8 4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150
                                               22.90
        Fiat 128 32.4 4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47
     Honda Civic 30.4 4 75.7 52 4.93
                                         1.615
  Toyota Corolla 33.9 4 71.1 65 4.22 1.835 19.90
                       4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01
   Toyota Corona 21.5
                                                                   1 24/55
```

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

```
filter(df, mpg > 20 | cyl == 4)
```

```
car mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                          wt qsec vs am qear carb
       Mazda RX4 21.0
                        6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
1
                                                            4
2
  Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
3
      Datsun 710 22.8 4 108.0
                                93 3.85
  Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258.0 110
                                   3.08
5
       Merc 240D 24.4 4 146.7
                               62 3.69 3.190 20.00
6
        Merc 230 22.8 4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150 22.90
        Fiat 128 32.4 4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47
                      4 75.7 52 4.93 1.615 18.52
     Honda Civic 30.4
  Toyota Corolla 33.9
                       4 71.1 65 4.22 1.835 19.90
10
   Toyota Corona 21.5
                       4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01
       Fiat X1-9 27.3
                        4 79.0 66 4.08 1.935
11
  Porsche 914-2 26.0
                      4 120.3 91 4.43 2.140
   Lotus Europa 30.4 4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90
13
                      4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60
14
      Volvo 142E 21.4
```

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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 hp
1 4 93
2 4 62
3 4 95
4 66
5 4 52
6 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)

car mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb newcol
1 Mazda RX4 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 4 4 1.190909
2 Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1 4 4 1.306818
3 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)

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

Mazda RX4 21 6 160 110 3.9 2.620 16.46 0 1 4 4 1.190909

Mazda RX4 Wag 21 6 160 110 3.9 2.875 17.02 0 1 4 4 1.306818
```

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."

```
ifelse(test, yes, no)

# test: an object which can be coerced
    to logical mode.

# yes: return values for true elements of test.
# no: return values for false elements of test.
```

Adding columns to a data. frame: dplyr

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

[1] "Low" "Low" "Medium" "Medium" "Medium"

Adding columns to a data. frame: dplyr

Alternatively, case_when provides a clean syntax as well:

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.

The select function can remove a column with minus (-):

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

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat wt gsec vs am gear carb disp ca
                car
          Mazda RX4 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0
                                                                  4
    Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0
                           6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
    Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1 Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
                                                                               Lo
                                                                          Mediu
 Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
                                                                           Mediı
            Valiant 18.1 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
                                                                           Mediu
 disp cat2
1
       Low
2
       Low
3
       Low
4
    Medium
    Medium
    Medium
```

Removing columns to a data. frame: dplyr

Remove newcol and drat

```
select(df, -one of("newcol", "drat"))
              car mpg cyl disp hp wt qsec vs am gear carb disp cat
         Mazda RX4 21.0
                        6 160 110 2.620 16.46 0 1
                                                      4
1
                                                                 Low
    Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160 110 2.875 17.02 0 1
2
                                                                 Low
        Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 2.320 18.61 1 1
3
                                                                Low
    Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258 110 3.215 19.44 1 0
                                                          1 Medium
4
 Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360 175 3.440 17.02 0 0
                                                              Medium
          Valiant 18.1 6 225 105 3.460 20.22
6
                                                              Medium
 disp cat2
1
       Low
       Low
      Low
4
   Medium
5
   Medium
    Medium
```

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())
   newcol
                             mpg cyl disp
                                          hp drat
                                                          qsec vs am gear car
                        car
                                                      wt
1 1.190909
                  Mazda RX4 21.0
                                   6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
2 1.306818
             Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0
                                   6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
3 1.054545
                 Datsun 710 22.8
                                          93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                  4 108
 1.461364
             Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
                                  6 258 110 3.08
5 1.563636 Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                                  8 360 175
                                             3.15 3.440 17.02
                                   6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                    Valiant 18.1
6 1.572727
  disp cat disp cat2
      Low
                Low
      Low
                Low
3
      Low
                Low
  Medium
            Medium
5
  Medium
            Medium
   Medium
            Medium
```

Ordering the columns of a data.frame: dplyr

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Medium 1.461364

Medium 1.563636 Medium 1.572727

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

```
select(df, -newcol, everything(), newcol)
               car mpg cyl disp hp drat wt gsec vs am gear carb disp car
                         6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1
         Mazda RX4 21.0
1
                                                            4
                                                                4
                                                                       Lo
     Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
2
                                                                       Lo
        Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
3
                                                                       Lo
4
    Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
                                                                   Mediı
5 Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0
                                                                    Mediu
6
                       6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1
           Valiant 18.1
                                                                    Mediu
 disp cat2
            newcol
1
       Low 1.190909
       Low 1.306818
3
       Low 1.054545
```

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)
```

```
disp
                                          hp drat
                                                          qsec vs
                         mpg cyl
                                                                   am gear carb
                    car
                                                      wt
    Cadillac Fleetwood 10.4
                                  472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
   Lincoln Continental 10.4
                                             3.00
                                                  5.424
3
            Camaro Z28 13.3
                                         245
                                                  3.840
            Duster 360 14.3
4
                                         245
5
     Chrysler Imperial 14.7
                                         230
                                             3.54
6
         Maserati Bora 15.0
                                        335
           Merc 450SLC 15.2
                                        180
                                             3.07
8
           AMC Javelin 15.2
                                        150
                                             3.15
9
      Dodge Challenger 15.5
                                        150
                                             2.76
10
        Ford Pantera L 15.8
                                        264
11
            Merc 450SE
                                        180
                                             3.07
                                                  4.070
12
            Merc 450SL 17.3
                                        180
                                             3.07
13
             Merc 280C 17.8
                                               . 92
14
                Valiant 18.1
15
     Hornet Sportabout 18.7
16
               Merc 280 19.2
                                             3.92
17
      Pontiac Firebird 19.2
                                             3.08
18
          Ferrari Dino 19.7
                                             3.62
19
             Mazda RX4 21.0
                                             3.90
20
                                             3.90
         Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0
21
        Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
                                               08
22
            Volvo 142E 21.4
                                                                           43/55
23
         Toyota Corona 21.5
                                          97 3.70
```

Ordering the rows of a data. frame: dplyr

Use the desc to arrange the rows in descending order:

```
arrange(df, desc(mpg))
```

```
disp
                                         hp drat
                                                          qsec vs am gear carb
                         mpg cyl
                                                     wt
                    car
        Toyota Corolla 33.9
                                   71.1
                                                        19.90
                                                                         4
                                         65 4.22 1.835
1
2
              Fiat 128 32.4
                                   78.7
                                             4.08
3
           Honda Civic 30.4
4
          Lotus Europa 30.4
                                   95.1
5
             Fiat X1-9 27.3
                                   79.0
6
         Porsche 914-2 26.0
                                 120.3
             Merc 240D 24.4
                                4 146.7
                                                  3.190
8
            Datsun 710 22.8
                                4 108.0
                                             3.85
9
              Merc 230 22.8
                                 140.8
                                         95
10
         Toyota Corona 21.5
                                 120.1
11
        Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
12
            Volvo 142E 21.4
                                        109
                                             4.11
13
             Mazda RX4 21.0
                                        110
                                             3.90
14
         Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0
                                             3.90
15
                                        175 3.62
          Ferrari Dino 19.7
16
              Merc 280 19.2
                                             3.92
                                                  3.440
17
      Pontiac Firebird 19.2
                                             3.08
                                                  3.845
18
     Hornet Sportabout 18.7
19
                Valiant 18.1
                                               76
20
             Merc 280C 17.8
                                              .92
21
            Merc 450SL 17.3
22
            Merc 450SE 16.4
                                             3.07
23
                                        264
        Ford Pantera L 15.8
                                                                           44/552
2.4
                                  318.0 150 2.76 3.520
      Dodge Challenger 15.5
```

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
                         mpg cyl
                                                     wt
                                                         qsec vs am gear carb
                                            3.00 5.424 17.82
   Lincoln Continental 10.4
                                        215
                                            2.93
2
    Cadillac Fleetwood 10.4
                                        205
                                                  5.250
3
            Camaro Z28 13.3
                                        245
                                            3.73
                                                  3.840
            Duster 360 14.3
                                        245
5
     Chrysler Imperial 14.7
                                        230
6
         Maserati Bora 15.0
                                        335
                                            3.54
           Merc 450SLC 15.2
                                        180
                                            3.07
           AMC Javelin 15.2
                                        150
                                            3.15
      Dodge Challenger 15.5
                                        150
10
        Ford Pantera L 15.8
                                        264
11
            Merc 450SE 16.4
                                        180
                                            3.07
            Merc 450SL 17.3
                                        180
                                            3.07
13
             Merc 280C 17.8
                                            3.92
14
               Valiant 18.1
                                        105
15
                                        175 3.15
     Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                                                  3.440
16
      Pontiac Firebird 19.2
                                        175 3.08
                                                  3.845
17
              Merc 280 19.2
                                            3.92
18
          Ferrari Dino 19.7
                                            3.62
19
                                            3.90
             Mazda RX4 21.0
                                            3.90
20
         Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0
21
        Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
                                                                        4
22
            Volvo 142E 21.4
23
         Toyota Corona 21.5
                                         97 3.70
                                 120.1
                                                                          45/552
24
                                         95 3.92 3.150 22.90
              Merc 230 22.8
```

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)
     newcol2
              mpg
  1.1909091
  1.3068182
  1.0545455 22.8
  1.4613636 21.4 110
  1.5636364 18.7
  1,4500000
  1.5636364
11 1.5636364 17.8
12 1.8500000
13 1.6954545
14 1.7181818
15 2.3863636
  2.4654545
   2.4295455
18 1.0000000
                    66
                    52
   0.7340909
             30.4
20 0.8340909
                    65
21 1.1204545
                    97
22 1.6000000 15.5
                                                                         46/55
23 1.5613636 15.2 150
```

Lab Part 4

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Renaming Columns of a data. frame: base R

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

```
colnames (df) # just prints
                           "cyl"
                                            "disp"
                                                         "hp"
                  "mpq"
                                                                      "drat"
 [1] "car"
[7] "wt" "qsec" "vs"
[13] "newcol" "disp_cat" "disp_cat2"
                                            "am"
                                                         "gear"
                                                                      "carb"
colnames(df)[1:3] = c("MPG", "CYL", "DISP") # reassigns
head (df)
                 MPG CYL DISP disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
          Mazda RX4 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0
  Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
 Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
            Valiant 18.1 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1
    newcol disp_cat disp_cat2
1 1.190909
                 Low
                            Low
2 1.306818
           Low
                           Low
3 1.054545
           Low
                            Low
4 1.461364 Medium Medium
5 1.563636 Medium Medium
6 1.572727 Medium Medium
colnames(df)[1:3] = c("mpq", "cyl", "disp") #reset - just to keep cons4955ent
```

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:

```
cn = colnames(df)
cn[ cn == "drat"] = "DRAT"
colnames(df) = cn
head (df)
                      mpg cyl disp disp hp DRAT wt gsec vs am gear carb
      Mazda RX4 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1
Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
1

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

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

      Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
      6
      258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
      3

5 Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
                 Valiant 18.1 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
     newcol disp cat disp cat2
1 1.190909
                  Low
                                     Low
                   Low
2 1.306818
                                    Low
                   Low
3 1.054545
                                    Low
4 1.461364 Medium Medium
5 1.563636 Medium Medium
6 1.572727 Medium
                              Medium
colnames(df)[ colnames(df) == "DRAT"] = "drat" #reset
```

Subset rows of a data. frame with indices:

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

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")

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] "Mazda RX4"
                            "Mazda RX4 Waq"
                                                   "Datsun 710"
                                                   "Valiant"
                            "Hornet Sportabout"
 [4] "Hornet 4 Drive"
 [7] "Duster 360"
                            "Merc 240D"
                                                   "Merc 230"
[10] "Merc 280"
                            "Merc 280C"
                                                   "Merc 450SE"
[13] "Merc 450SL"
                            "Merc 450SLC"
                                                   "Cadillac Fleetwood"
[16] "Lincoln Continental" "Chrysler Imperial"
                                                   "Fiat 128"
[19] "Honda Civic"
                            "Toyota Corolla"
                                                   "Toyota Corona"
                                                   "Camaro Z28"
[22] "Dodge Challenger"
                           "AMC Javelin"
[25] "Pontiac Firebird"
                            "Fiat X1-9"
                                                   "Porsche 914-2"
[28] "Lotus Europa"
                            "Ford Pantera L"
                                                   "Ferrari Dino"
[31] "Maserati Bora"
                            "Volvo 142E"
tbl[, 1]
# A tibble: 32 x 1
```

car <chr> 1 Mazda RX4

- 2 Mazda RX4 Wag
- 3 Datsun 710
- 4 Hornet 4 Drive
- 5 Hornet Sportabout

Subset columns of a data. frame:

Merc 450SLC 15.2

Honda Civic 30.4

AMC Javelin 15.2

Camaro Z28 13.3

Toyota Corolla 33.9

Dodge Challenger 15.5

Toyota Corona 21.5

Fiat 128 32.4

Cadillac Fleetwood 10.4 Lincoln Continental 10.4

Chrysler Imperial 14.7

14

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

We can select multiple columns using multiple column names:

```
df[, c("mpg", "cyl")]
                    mpg cyl
             Mazda RX4 21.0
1
         Mazda RX4 Waq 21.0
3
            Datsun 710 22.8
4
        Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
5
6
7
8
     Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                Valiant 18.1
            Duster 360 14.3
             Merc 240D 24.4
9
              Merc 230 22.8
              Merc 280 19.2
             Merc 280C 17.8
11
12
            Merc 450SE 16.4
13
            Merc 450SL 17.3
```

No rownames in tibbles!

If you run into losing a variable contained in your row names, use rownames to column to add it before turning it into a tibble to keep them: