

Functions

Writing your own functions

So far we've seen many functions, like `c()`, `class()`, `filter()`, `dim()` ...

Why create your own functions?

- Cut down on repetitive code (easier to fix things!)
- Organize code into manageable chunks
- Avoid running code unintentionally
- Use names that make sense to you

Writing your own functions

The general syntax for a function is:

```
function_name <- function(arg1, arg2, ...) {  
  <function body>  
}
```

Writing your own functions

Here we will write a function that multiplies some number x by 2:

```
times_2 <- function(x) x * 2
```

When you run the line of code above, you make it ready to use (no output yet!).
Let's test it!

```
times_2(x = 10)
```

```
[1] 20
```

Writing your own functions: { }

Adding the curly brackets - {} - allows you to use functions spanning multiple lines:

```
times_2 <- function(x) {  
  x * 2  
}  
times_2(x = 10)
```

```
[1] 20
```

```
is_even <- function(x) {  
  x %% 2 == 0  
}  
is_even(x = 11)
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

```
is_even(x = times_2(x = 10))
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

Writing your own functions: return

If we want something specific for the function's output, we use `return()`:

```
times_2_plus_4 <- function(x) {  
  output_int <- x * 2  
  output <- output_int + 4  
  return(output)  
}  
times_2_plus_4(x = 10)
```

```
[1] 24
```

Writing your own functions: print intermediate steps

- printed results do not stay around but can show what a function is doing
- returned results stay around
- can only return one result but can print many
- if `return` not called, last evaluated expression is returned
- `return` should be the last step (steps after may be skipped)

Adding print

```
times_2_plus_4 <- function(x) {  
  output_int <- x * 2  
  output <- output_int + 4  
  print(paste("times2 result = ", output_int))  
  return(output)  
}
```

```
result <- times_2_plus_4(x = 10)
```

```
[1] "times2 result = 20"
```

```
result
```

```
[1] 24
```


Writing your own functions: multiple inputs

Functions can take multiple inputs:

```
times_2_plus_y <- function(x, y) x * 2 + y  
times_2_plus_y(x = 10, y = 3)
```

```
[1] 23
```

Writing your own functions: multiple outputs

Functions can have one returned result with multiple outputs.

```
x_and_y_plus_2 <- function(x, y) {  
  output1 <- x + 2  
  output2 <- y + 2  
  
  return(c(output1, output2))  
}  
result <- x_and_y_plus_2(x = 10, y = 3)  
result  
  
[1] 12 5
```

Writing your own functions: defaults

Functions can have “default” arguments. This lets us use the function without using an argument later:

```
times_2_plus_y <- function(x = 10, y = 3) x * 2 + y  
times_2_plus_y()
```

```
[1] 23
```

```
times_2_plus_y(x = 11, y = 4)
```

```
[1] 26
```

Writing another simple function

Let's write a function, `sqdif`, that:

1. takes two numbers `x` and `y` with default values of 2 and 3.
2. takes the difference
3. squares this difference
4. then returns the final value

Writing another simple function

```
sqdif <- function(x = 2, y = 3) (x - y)^2
```

```
sqdif()
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
sqdif(x = 10, y = 5)
```

```
[1] 25
```

```
sqdif(10, 5)
```

```
[1] 25
```

```
sqdif(11, 4)
```

```
[1] 49
```

Writing your own functions: characters

Functions can have any kind of input. Here is a function with characters:

```
loud <- function(word) {  
  output <- rep(toupper(word), 5)  
  return(output)  
}  
loud(word = "hooray!")
```

```
[1] "HOORAY!" "HOORAY!" "HOORAY!" "HOORAY!" "HOORAY!"
```

Functions for tibbles

We can use `filter(row_number() == n)` to extract a row of a tibble:

```
get_row <- function(dat, row) dat %>% filter(row_number() == row)
```

```
cars <- read_kaggle()
cars_1_8 <- cars %>% select(1:8)
```

```
get_row(dat = cars, row = 10)
```

```
# A tibble: 1 × 34
```

```
  RefId IsBadBuy PurchDate Auction VehYear VehicleAge Make  Model Trim  SubModel
  <dbl>   <dbl>   <chr>      <chr>    <dbl>      <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1    10        0 12/7/2009 ADESA      2007          2 FORD  FIVE... SEL   4D SEDA..
#   24 more variables: Color <chr>, Transmission <chr>, WheelTypeID <chr>,
#   WheelType <chr>, VehOdo <dbl>, Nationality <chr>, Size <chr>,
#   TopThreeAmericanName <chr>, MMRAcquisitionAuctionAveragePrice <chr>,
#   MMRAcquisitionAuctionCleanPrice <chr>,
#   MMRAcquisitionRetailAveragePrice <chr>,
#   MMRAcquisitionRetailCleanPrice <chr>, MMRCurrentAuctionAveragePrice <chr>,
#   MMRCurrentAuctionCleanPrice <chr>, MMRCurrentRetailAveragePrice <chr>, ...
```

```
get_row(dat = iris, row = 4)
```

```
  Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
1           4.6          3.1          1.5          0.2  setosa
```

Functions for tibbles

`select(n)` will choose column `n`:

```
get_index <- function(dat, row, col) {  
  dat %>%  
    filter(row_number() == row) %>%  
    select(all_of(col))  
}
```

```
get_index(dat = cars, row = 10, col = 8)
```

```
# A tibble: 1 × 1  
  Model  
  <chr>  
1 FIVE HUNDRED
```


Functions for tibbles

Including default values for arguments:

```
get_top <- function(dat, row = 1, col = 1) {  
  dat %>%  
    filter(row_number() == row) %>%  
    select(all_of(col))  
}
```

```
get_top(dat = cars)
```

```
# A tibble: 1 × 1  
  RefId  
  <dbl>  
1      1
```

Functions for tibbles

Can create function with an argument that allows inputting a column name for select or other dplyr operation:

```
clean_dataset <- function(dataset, col_name) {  
  my_data_out <- dataset %>% select({{col_name}}) # Note the curly braces  
  write_csv(my_data_out, "clean_data.csv")  
  return(my_data_out)  
}
```

```
clean_dataset(dataset = mtcars, col_name = "cyl")
```

	cyl
Mazda RX4	6
Mazda RX4 Wag	6
Datsun 710	4
Hornet 4 Drive	6
Hornet Sportabout	8
Valiant	6
Duster 360	8
Merc 240D	4
Merc 230	4
Merc 280	6
Merc 280C	6
Merc 450SE	8
Merc 450SL	8
Merc 450SLC	8
Cadillac Fleetwood	8
Lincoln Continental	8
Chrysler Imperial	8

Summary

- Simple functions take the form:
 - `NEW_FUNCTION <- function(x, y){x + y}`
 - Can specify defaults like `function(x = 1, y = 2){x + y}` -return will provide a value as output
 - `print` will simply print the value on the screen but not save it

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Functions on multiple columns

Using your custom functions: **sapply()**- a base R function

Now that you've made a function... You can “apply” functions easily with **sapply()**!

These functions take the form:

```
sapply(<a vector, list, data frame>, some_function)
```

Using your custom functions: `sapply()`

□ There are no parentheses on the functions! □

You can also pipe into your function.

```
head(iris, n = 2)
```

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa

```
sapply(iris, class)
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
"numeric"	"numeric"	"numeric"	"numeric"	"factor"

```
iris %>% sapply(class)
```

Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
"numeric"	"numeric"	"numeric"	"numeric"	"factor"

Using your custom functions: `sapply()`

```
select(cars, VehYear:VehicleAge) %>% head()
```

```
# A tibble: 6 × 2
  VehYear VehicleAge
  <dbl>      <dbl>
1    2006           3
2    2004           5
3    2005           4
4    2004           5
5    2005           4
6    2004           5
```

```
select(cars, VehYear:VehicleAge) %>%
  sapply(times_2) %>%
  head()
```

```
  VehYear VehicleAge
[1, ]    4012         6
[2, ]    4008        10
[3, ]    4010         8
[4, ]    4008        10
[5, ]    4010         8
[6, ]    4008        10
```


Using your custom functions “on the fly” to iterate

```
select(cars, VehYear:VehicleAge) %>%  
  supply(function(x) x / 1000) %>%  
  head()
```

	VehYear	VehicleAge
[1,]	2.006	0.003
[2,]	2.004	0.005
[3,]	2.005	0.004
[4,]	2.004	0.005
[5,]	2.005	0.004
[6,]	2.004	0.005

across

Using functions in `mutate()` and `summarize()`

Already know how to use functions to modify columns using `mutate()` or calculate summary statistics using `summarize()`.

```
cars %>%  
  mutate(VehOdo_round = round(VehOdo, -3)) %>%  
  summarize(max_Odo_round = max(VehOdo_round),  
            max_Odo = max(VehOdo))  
  
# A tibble: 1 × 2  
  max_Odo_round max_Odo  
    <dbl>      <dbl>  
1    116000    115717
```

Applying functions with **across** from **dp1yr**

`across()` makes it easy to apply the same transformation to multiple columns. Usually used with `summarize()` or `mutate()`.

```
summarize(across( .cols = <columns>, .fns = function))
```

or

```
mutate(across(.cols = <columns>, .fns = function))
```

- List columns first: `.cols =`
- List function next: `.fns =`
- If there are arguments to a function (e.g., `na.rm = TRUE`), the function may need to be modified to an anonymous function, e.g., `\(x) mean(x, na.rm = TRUE)`

Applying functions with **across** from **dplyr**

Combining with `summarize()`

```
cars_dbl <- cars %>% select(Make, starts_with("Veh"))  
  
cars_dbl %>%  
  summarize(across(.cols = everything(), .fns = mean))  
  
# A tibble: 1 × 5  
  Make VehYear VehicleAge VehOdo VehBCost  
  <dbl>   <dbl>      <dbl>   <dbl>    <dbl>  
1    NA   2005.        4.18  71500.    6731.
```

Applying functions with **across** from **dplyr**

Can use with other tidyverse functions like `group_by`!

```
cars_dbl %>%  
  group_by(Make) %>%  
  summarize(across(.cols = everything(), .fns = mean))
```

```
# A tibble: 33 × 5  
  Make      VehYear VehicleAge Veh0do VehBCost  
  <chr>      <dbl>      <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>  
1 ACURA      2003.        6.52 81732.   9039.  
2 BUICK       2004.        5.65 76238.   6169.  
3 CADILLAC    2004.        5.24 73770.  10958.  
4 CHEVROLET   2006.        3.97 73390.   6835.  
5 CHRYSLER    2006.        3.65 66814.   6507.  
6 DODGE       2006.        3.75 68261.   7047.  
7 FORD        2005.        4.75 76749.   6403.  
8 GMC         2004.        5.61 79273.   8342.  
9 HONDA       2004.        5.33 77877.   8350.  
10 HUMMER     2006         3     70809  11920  
#   23 more rows
```

Applying functions with **across** from **dplyr**

To add arguments to functions, may need to use anonymous function. In this syntax, the shorthand `\(x)` is equivalent to `function(x)`.

```
cars_dbl %>%  
  group_by(Make) %>%  
  summarize(across(.cols = everything(), .fns = \(x) mean(x, na.rm = TRUE)))
```

```
# A tibble: 33 × 5  
  Make      VehYear VehicleAge VehOdo VehBCost  
  <chr>      <dbl>      <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>  
1 ACURA      2003.         6.52 81732.   9039.  
2 BUICK       2004.         5.65 76238.   6169.  
3 CADILLAC    2004.         5.24 73770.  10958.  
4 CHEVROLET   2006.         3.97 73390.   6835.  
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8 GMC         2004.         5.61 79273.   8342.  
9 HONDA       2004.         5.33 77877.   8350.  
10 HUMMER     2006          3    70809  11920  
#   23 more rows
```

Applying functions with **across** from **dp1yr**

Using different `tidyselect()` options (e.g., `starts_with()`, `ends_with()`, `contains()`)

```
cars_dbl %>%  
  group_by(Make) %>%  
  summarize(across(.cols = starts_with("Veh"), .fns = mean))
```

```
# A tibble: 33 × 5  
  Make      VehYear VehicleAge VehOdo VehBCost  
  <chr>      <dbl>      <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>  
1 ACURA      2003.         6.52 81732.   9039.  
2 BUICK       2004.         5.65 76238.   6169.  
3 CADILLAC    2004.         5.24 73770.  10958.  
4 CHEVROLET   2006.         3.97 73390.   6835.  
5 CHRYSLER    2006.         3.65 66814.   6507.  
6 DODGE       2006.         3.75 68261.   7047.  
7 FORD        2005.         4.75 76749.   6403.  
8 GMC         2004.         5.61 79273.   8342.  
9 HONDA       2004.         5.33 77877.   8350.  
10 HUMMER     2006          3    70809  11920  
#   23 more rows
```


Applying functions with **across** from **dplyr**

Combining with `mutate()`: rounding to the nearest power of 10 (with negative digits value)

```
cars_dbl %>%  
  mutate(across(  
    .cols = starts_with("Veh"),  
    .fns = round,  
    digits = -3  
  ))
```

Warning: There was 1 warning in ``mutate()``.

▮ In argument: ``across(.cols = starts_with("Veh"), .fns = round, digits = -3)``.

Caused by warning:

! The ``...`` argument of ``across()`` is deprecated as of dplyr 1.1.0.

Supply arguments directly to ``.fns`` through an anonymous function instead.

```
# Previously  
across(a:b, mean, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
# Now  
across(a:b, \(x) mean(x, na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
# A tibble: 72,983 × 5
```

	Make <chr>	VehYear <dbl>	VehicleAge <dbl>	VehOdo <dbl>	VehBCost <dbl>
1	MAZDA	2000	0	89000	7000
2	DODGE	2000	0	94000	8000
3	DODGE	2000	0	74000	5000
4	DODGE	2000	0	66000	4000

Applying functions with **across** from **dplyr**

Combining with `mutate()` - the `replace_na` function

`replace_na({data frame}, {list of values})` or `replace_na({vector}, {single value})`

```
# Child mortality data
```

```
mort <- read_mortality() %>% rename(country = `...1`)
```

```
mort %>%
```

```
  select(country, starts_with("194")) %>%
```

```
  mutate(across(
```

```
    .cols = c(`1943`, `1944`, `1945`),
```

```
    .fns = replace_na,
```

```
    replace = 0
```

```
  ))
```

```
# A tibble: 197 × 11
```

	country	`1940`	`1941`	`1942`	`1943`	`1944`	`1945`	`1946`	`1947`	`1948`	`1949`
	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	Afghan...	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
2	Albania	1.53	1.31	1.48	1.46	1.43	1.40	1.37	1.41	1.37	1.34
3	Algeria	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
4	Angola	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.34	4.34	4.34	4.33	4.22	4.22	4.21
5	Argent...	0.641	0.603	0.602	0.558	0.551	0.510	0.503	0.496	0.494	0.492
6	Armenia	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
7	Aruba	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA
8	Austra...	0.263	0.275	0.276	0.299	0.260	0.271	0.295	0.279	0.271	0.271
9	Austria	0.504	0.474	0.417	0.389	0.360	0.311	0.311	0.312	0.274	0.274
10	Azerba...	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA	NA

```
# ▯ 187 more rows
```

Use custom functions within `mutate` and `across`

If your function needs to span more than one line, better to define it first before using inside `mutate()` and `across()`.

```
times1000 <- function(x) x * 1000
```

```
airquality %>%  
  mutate(across(  
    .cols = everything(),  
    .fns = times1000  
  )) %>%  
  head(n = 2)
```

	Ozone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day
1	41000	190000	7400	67000	5000	1000
2	36000	118000	8000	72000	5000	2000

```
airquality %>%  
  mutate(across(  
    .cols = everything(),  
    .fns = function(x) x * 1000  
  )) %>%  
  head(n = 2)
```

	Ozone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day
1	41000	190000	7400	67000	5000	1000
2	36000	118000	8000	72000	5000	2000

purrr package

Similar to `across`, `purrr` is a package that allows you to apply a function to multiple columns in a data frame or multiple data objects in a list.

While we won't get into `purrr` too much in this class, its a handy package for you to know about should you get into a situation where you have an irregular list you need to handle!

Multiple Data Frames

Multiple data frames

Lists help us work with multiple data frames

```
AQ_list <- list(AQ1 = airquality, AQ2 = airquality, AQ3 = airquality)
str(AQ_list)
```

List of 3

```
$ AQ1:'data.frame':    153 obs. of  6 variables:
 ..$ Ozone   : int [1:153] 41 36 12 18 NA 28 23 19 8 NA ...
 ..$ Solar.R: int [1:153] 190 118 149 313 NA NA 299 99 19 194 ...
 ..$ Wind    : num [1:153] 7.4 8 12.6 11.5 14.3 14.9 8.6 13.8 20.1 8.6 ...
 ..$ Temp    : int [1:153] 67 72 74 62 56 66 65 59 61 69 ...
 ..$ Month    : int [1:153] 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 ...
 ..$ Day      : int [1:153] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
$ AQ2:'data.frame':    153 obs. of  6 variables:
 ..$ Ozone   : int [1:153] 41 36 12 18 NA 28 23 19 8 NA ...
 ..$ Solar.R: int [1:153] 190 118 149 313 NA NA 299 99 19 194 ...
 ..$ Wind    : num [1:153] 7.4 8 12.6 11.5 14.3 14.9 8.6 13.8 20.1 8.6 ...
 ..$ Temp    : int [1:153] 67 72 74 62 56 66 65 59 61 69 ...
 ..$ Month    : int [1:153] 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 ...
 ..$ Day      : int [1:153] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
$ AQ3:'data.frame':    153 obs. of  6 variables:
 ..$ Ozone   : int [1:153] 41 36 12 18 NA 28 23 19 8 NA ...
 ..$ Solar.R: int [1:153] 190 118 149 313 NA NA 299 99 19 194 ...
 ..$ Wind    : num [1:153] 7.4 8 12.6 11.5 14.3 14.9 8.6 13.8 20.1 8.6 ...
 ..$ Temp    : int [1:153] 67 72 74 62 56 66 65 59 61 69 ...
 ..$ Month    : int [1:153] 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 ...
 ..$ Day      : int [1:153] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
```

Multiple data frames: **sapply**

```
AQ_list %>% sapply(class)
```

```
      AQ1      AQ2      AQ3  
"data.frame" "data.frame" "data.frame"
```

```
AQ_list %>% sapply(nrow)
```

```
AQ1 AQ2 AQ3  
153 153 153
```

```
AQ_list %>% sapply(colMeans, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
      AQ1      AQ2      AQ3  
Ozone  42.129310  42.129310  42.129310  
Solar.R 185.931507 185.931507 185.931507  
Wind    9.957516  9.957516  9.957516  
Temp   77.882353  77.882353  77.882353  
Month   6.993464  6.993464  6.993464  
Day    15.803922  15.803922  15.803922
```

Summary

- Apply your functions with `sapply(<a vector or list>, some_function)`
- Use `across()` to apply functions across multiple columns of data
- Need to use `across` within `summarize()` or `mutate()`
- Can use `sapply` or `purrr` to work with multiple data frames within lists simultaneously

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