

2657 Functions

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Part I

Function Descriptions and Examples

Chapter 1

concat.split

The `concat.split` function takes a column with multiple values, splits the values into a list or into separate columns, and returns a new `data.frame`.

Arguments

- `data`: the source `data.frame`.
- `split.col`: the variable that needs to be split; can be specified either by the column number or the variable name.
- `to.list`: logical; should the split column be returned as a single variable list (named “original_variable_list”) or multiple new variables? If `to.list` is `TRUE`, the `mode` argument is ignored and a list of the original values are returned.
- `mode`: can be either `binary` or `value` (where `binary` is default and it recodes values to 1 or NA, like Boolean, but without assuming 0 when data is not available).
- `sep`: the character separating each value (defaults to “,”).
- `drop.col`: logical (whether to remove the original variable from the output or not; defaults to `TRUE`).

Examples

First load some data from a CSV stored at [github](https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/data/concatenated-cells.csv). The URL is an HTTPS, so we need to use `getURL` from `RCurl`.

```
require(RCurl)
baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
temp = getURL(paste0(baseURL, "data/concatenated-cells.csv"))
concat.test = read.csv(textConnection(temp))
rm(temp)

# How big is the dataset?
dim(concat.test)

## [1] 48  4

# Just show me the first few rows
head(concat.test)
```



```
##      Name      Likes      Siblings      Hates
## 1   Boyd 1,2,4,5,6 Reynolds , Albert , Ortega      2;4;
## 2   Rufus 1,2,4,5,6 Cohen , Bert , Montgomery 1;2;3;4;
## 3    Dana 1,2,4,5,6      Pierce      2;
## 4 Carole 1,2,4,5,6 Colon , Michelle , Ballard      1;4;
## 5 Ramona      1,2,5,6      Snyder , Joann ,      1;2;3;
## 6 Kelley      1,2,5,6      James , Roxanne ,      1;4;
```

Notice that the data have been entered in a very silly manner. Let's split it up!

```
# Load the function!
# require(RCurl)
# baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrduab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
source(textConnection(getURL(paste0(baseURL, "scripts/concat.split.R"))))
```

```
# Split up the second column, selecting by column number
head(concat.split(concat.test, 2))
```

```
##      Name      Likes      Siblings      Hates Likes_1 Likes_2 Likes_3
## 1   Boyd 1,2,4,5,6 Reynolds , Albert , Ortega      2;4;      1      1      NA
## 2   Rufus 1,2,4,5,6 Cohen , Bert , Montgomery 1;2;3;4;      1      1      NA
## 3    Dana 1,2,4,5,6      Pierce      2;      1      1      NA
## 4 Carole 1,2,4,5,6 Colon , Michelle , Ballard      1;4;      1      1      NA
## 5 Ramona      1,2,5,6      Snyder , Joann ,      1;2;3;      1      1      NA
## 6 Kelley      1,2,5,6      James , Roxanne ,      1;4;      1      1      NA
## Likes_4 Likes_5 Likes_6
## 1      1      1      1
## 2      1      1      1
## 3      1      1      1
## 4      1      1      1
## 5     NA      1      1
## 6     NA      1      1
```

```
# ... or by name, and drop the offensive first column
head(concat.split(concat.test, "Likes", drop.col=TRUE))
```

```
##      Name      Siblings      Hates Likes_1 Likes_2 Likes_3 Likes_4
## 1   Boyd Reynolds , Albert , Ortega      2;4;      1      1      NA      1
## 2   Rufus Cohen , Bert , Montgomery 1;2;3;4;      1      1      NA      1
## 3    Dana      Pierce      2;      1      1      NA      1
## 4 Carole Colon , Michelle , Ballard      1;4;      1      1      NA      1
## 5 Ramona      Snyder , Joann ,      1;2;3;      1      1      NA      NA
## 6 Kelley      James , Roxanne ,      1;4;      1      1      NA      NA
## Likes_5 Likes_6
## 1      1      1
## 2      1      1
## 3      1      1
## 4      1      1
## 5      1      1
## 6      1      1
```

```
# The "Hates" column uses a different separator:
head(concat.split(concat.test, "Hates", sep=";", drop.col=TRUE))
```

```
##      Name      Likes      Siblings Hates_1 Hates_2 Hates_3 Hates_4
## 1   Boyd 1,2,4,5,6 Reynolds , Albert , Ortega      NA      1      NA      1
```

```
## 2 Rufus 1,2,4,5,6 Cohen , Bert , Montgomery 1 1 1 1
## 3 Dana 1,2,4,5,6 Pierce NA 1 NA NA
## 4 Carole 1,2,4,5,6 Colon , Michelle , Ballard 1 NA NA 1
## 5 Ramona 1,2,5,6 Snyder , Joann , 1 1 1 NA
## 6 Kelley 1,2,5,6 James , Roxanne , 1 NA NA 1
```

```
# Retain the original values
```

```
head(concat.split(concat.test, 2, mode="value", drop.col=TRUE))
```

```
##      Name                Siblings      Hates Likes_1 Likes_2 Likes_3 Likes_4
## 1 Boyd Reynolds , Albert , Ortega 2;4; 1 2 NA 4
## 2 Rufus Cohen , Bert , Montgomery 1;2;3;4; 1 2 NA 4
## 3 Dana Pierce 2; 1 2 NA 4
## 4 Carole Colon , Michelle , Ballard 1;4; 1 2 NA 4
## 5 Ramona Snyder , Joann , 1;2;3; 1 2 NA NA
## 6 Kelley James , Roxanne , 1;4; 1 2 NA NA
## Likes_5 Likes_6
## 1 5 6
## 2 5 6
## 3 5 6
## 4 5 6
## 5 5 6
## 6 5 6
```

```
# Let,s try splitting some strings... Same syntax
```

```
head(concat.split(concat.test, 3, drop.col=TRUE))
```

```
##      Name      Likes      Hates Siblings_1 Siblings_2 Siblings_3
## 1 Boyd 1,2,4,5,6 2;4; Reynolds Albert Ortega
## 2 Rufus 1,2,4,5,6 1;2;3;4; Cohen Bert Montgomery
## 3 Dana 1,2,4,5,6 2; Pierce <NA> <NA>
## 4 Carole 1,2,4,5,6 1;4; Colon Michelle Ballard
## 5 Ramona 1,2,5,6 1;2;3; Snyder Joann <NA>
## 6 Kelley 1,2,5,6 1;4; James Roxanne <NA>
```

```
# Split up the "Likes column" into a list variable; retain original column
```

```
head(concat.split(concat.test, 2, to.list=TRUE, drop.col=FALSE))
```

```
##      Name      Likes                Siblings      Hates      Likes_list
## 1 Boyd 1,2,4,5,6 Reynolds , Albert , Ortega 2;4; 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
## 2 Rufus 1,2,4,5,6 Cohen , Bert , Montgomery 1;2;3;4; 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
## 3 Dana 1,2,4,5,6 Pierce 2; 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
## 4 Carole 1,2,4,5,6 Colon , Michelle , Ballard 1;4; 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
## 5 Ramona 1,2,5,6 Snyder , Joann , 1;2;3; 1, 2, 5, 6
## 6 Kelley 1,2,5,6 James , Roxanne , 1;4; 1, 2, 5, 6
```

```
# View the structure of the output for the first 10 rows to verify
```

```
# that the new column is a list; note the difference between "Likes"
```

```
# and "Likes_list".
```

```
str(concat.split(concat.test, 2, to.list=TRUE, drop.col=FALSE)[1:10, c(2, 5)])
```

```
## 'data.frame': 10 obs. of 2 variables:
```

```
## $ Likes : Factor w/ 5 levels "1,2,3,4,5","1,2,4,5",...: 3 3 3 3 5 5 3 3 3 4
```

```
## $ Likes_list:List of 10
```

```
## ..$ : num 1 2 4 5 6
```

```
## ..$ : num 1 2 4 5 6
```

```
## ..$ : num 1 2 4 5 6
## ..$ : num 1 2 4 5 6
## ..$ : num 1 2 5 6
## ..$ : num 1 2 5 6
## ..$ : num 1 2 4 5 6
## ..$ : num 1 2 4 5 6
## ..$ : num 1 2 4 5 6
## ..$ : num 1 2 5
```

Advanced Usage

It is also possible to use `concat.split` to split multiple columns at once. This can be done in stages, or it can be all wrapped in nested statements, as follows:

```
do.call(cbind, c(concat.test[1],
                 lapply(lapply(2:ncol(concat.test),
                               function(x) concat.test[x]),
                        concat.split, split.col=1, drop=TRUE, sep=";|,")))
```

In the example above (working from the inside of the function outwards):

- First, `lapply(2:ncol(concat.test), ...)` splits the columns of the `data.frame` into a list.
- Second, `lapply(lapply(...))` does the splitting work.
 - Note the use of `sep=";|,"` to match multiple separators on which to split; if further separators are required, they can be specified by using the pipe symbol (`|`) *with no leading or trailing spaces*.
- Finally, `do.call(cbind, ...)` is evaluated last, “binding” the data together by columns. In this case, the data being bound together is the first column from the `concat.test` dataset, and the splitted output of the remaining columns.

Alternatively, a similar approach can be taken using the function `dfcols.list` (see the “Snippets and Tips” section of this manual for the `dfcols.list` function).

```
# Show just the first few lines, Boolean mode
head(do.call(cbind, c(concat.test[1],
                     lapply(dfcols.list(concat.test[-1]),
                           concat.split, split.col=1, drop=TRUE, sep=";|,"))))
```

##	Name	Likes_1	Likes_2	Likes_3	Likes_4	Likes_5	Likes_6	Siblings_1	Siblings_2
## 1	Boyd	1	1	NA	1	1	1	Reynolds	Albert
## 2	Rufus	1	1	NA	1	1	1	Cohen	Bert
## 3	Dana	1	1	NA	1	1	1	Pierce	<NA>
## 4	Carole	1	1	NA	1	1	1	Colon	Michelle
## 5	Ramona	1	1	NA	NA	1	1	Snyder	Joann
## 6	Kelley	1	1	NA	NA	1	1	James	Roxanne

##	Siblings_3	Hates_1	Hates_2	Hates_3	Hates_4
## 1	Ortega	NA	1	NA	1
## 2	Montgomery	1	1	1	1
## 3	<NA>	NA	1	NA	NA
## 4	Ballard	1	NA	NA	1
## 5	<NA>	1	1	1	NA
## 6	<NA>	1	NA	NA	1

```
# Show just the first few lines, value mode
head(do.call(cbind, c(concat.test[1],
                      lapply(dfcols.list(concat.test[-1]),
                                concat.split, split.col=1, drop=TRUE,
                                sep=";|", mode="value")))))
```

##	Name	Likes_1	Likes_2	Likes_3	Likes_4	Likes_5	Likes_6	Siblings_1	Siblings_2
## 1	Boyd	1	2	NA	4	5	6	Reynolds	Albert
## 2	Rufus	1	2	NA	4	5	6	Cohen	Bert
## 3	Dana	1	2	NA	4	5	6	Pierce	<NA>
## 4	Carole	1	2	NA	4	5	6	Colon	Michelle
## 5	Ramona	1	2	NA	NA	5	6	Snyder	Joann
## 6	Kelley	1	2	NA	NA	5	6	James	Roxanne

##	Siblings_3	Hates_1	Hates_2	Hates_3	Hates_4
## 1	Ortega	NA	2	NA	4
## 2	Montgomery	1	2	3	4
## 3	<NA>	NA	2	NA	NA
## 4	Ballard	1	NA	NA	4
## 5	<NA>	1	2	3	NA
## 6	<NA>	1	NA	NA	4

```
# Show just the first few lines, list output mode
head(do.call(cbind, c(concat.test[1],
                      lapply(dfcols.list(concat.test[-1]),
                                concat.split, split.col=1, drop=TRUE,
                                sep=";|", to.list=TRUE)))))
```

##	Name	Likes_list	Siblings_list	Hates_list
## 1	Boyd	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	Reynolds, Albert, Ortega	2, 4
## 2	Rufus	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	Cohen, Bert, Montgomery	1, 2, 3, 4
## 3	Dana	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	Pierce	2
## 4	Carole	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	Colon, Michelle, Ballard	1, 4
## 5	Ramona	1, 2, 5, 6	Snyder, Joann	1, 2, 3
## 6	Kelley	1, 2, 5, 6	James, Roxanne	1, 4

References

See: <http://stackoverflow.com/q/10100887/1270695>

Chapter 2

df.sorter

The `df.sorter` function allows you to sort a `data.frame` by columns or rows or both. You can also quickly subset data columns by using the `var.order` argument.

Arguments

- `data`: the source `data.frame`.
- `var.order`: the new order in which you want the variables to appear.
 - Defaults to `names(data)`, which keeps the variables in the original order.
 - Variables can be referred to either by a vector of their index numbers or by a vector of the variable name; partial name matching also works, but requires that the partial match identifies similar columns uniquely (see examples).
 - Basic subsetting can also be done using `var.order` simply by omitting the variables you want to drop.
- `col.sort`: the columns *within* which there is data that need to be sorted.
 - Defaults to `NULL`, which means no sorting takes place.
 - Variables can be referred to either by a vector of their index numbers or by a vector of the variable names; full names must be provided.
- `at.start`: Should the pattern matching be from the start of the variable name? Defaults to “TRUE”.

NOTE: If you are sorting both by variables and within the columns, the `col.sort` order should be based on the location of the columns in the *new data.frame*, not the original `data.frame`.

Examples

```
# Load the function!
require(RCurl)
baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
source(textConnection(getURL(paste0(baseURL, "scripts/df.sorter.R"))))

# Make up some data
set.seed(1)
dat = data.frame(id = rep(1:5, each=3), times = rep(1:3, 5),
```

```

measure1 = rnorm(15), score1 = sample(300, 15),
code1 = replicate(15, paste(sample(LETTERS[1:5], 3),
                             sep="", collapse="")),
measure2 = rnorm(15), score2 = sample(150:300, 15),
code2 = replicate(15, paste(sample(LETTERS[1:5], 3),
                             sep="", collapse=")))

# Preview your data
dat

##      id times measure1 score1 code1 measure2 score2 code2
## 1  1      1  -0.6265   145   DAB  -0.7075   299   CEB
## 2  1      2   0.1836   180   DCB   0.3646   224   ECD
## 3  1      3  -0.8356   148   EBA   0.7685   222   DAE
## 4  2      1   1.5953    56   AED  -0.1123   175   DBA
## 5  2      2   0.3295   245   CEB   0.8811   260   DAC
## 6  2      3  -0.8205   198   EBD   0.3981   216   DCA
## 7  3      1   0.4874   234   BCA  -0.6120   300   CEA
## 8  3      2   0.7383    32   CDA   0.3411   179   CAD
## 9  3      3   0.5758   212   EBC  -1.1294   182   BEC
## 10 4      1  -0.3054   120   BED   1.4330   234   CDE
## 11 4      2   1.5118   239   EDB   1.9804   231   CAB
## 12 4      3   0.3898   188   DEB  -0.3672   160   DBE
## 13 5      1  -0.6212   226   DBA  -1.0441   154   EDB
## 14 5      2  -2.2147   159   DAC   0.5697   238   BDE
## 15 5      3   1.1249   152   AED  -0.1351   277   DCE

# Change the variable order, grouping related columns
# Note that you do not need to specify full variable names,
# just enough that the variables can be uniquely identified
head(df.sorter(dat, var.order = c("id", "ti", "cod", "mea", "sco")))

##      id times code1 code2 measure1 measure2 score1 score2
## 1  1      1   DAB   CEB  -0.6265  -0.7075   145   299
## 2  1      2   DCB   ECD   0.1836   0.3646   180   224
## 3  1      3   EBA   DAE  -0.8356   0.7685   148   222
## 4  2      1   AED   DBA   1.5953  -0.1123    56   175
## 5  2      2   CEB   DAC   0.3295   0.8811   245   260
## 6  2      3   EBD   DCA  -0.8205   0.3981   198   216

# Same output, but with a more awkward syntax
head(df.sorter(dat, var.order = c(1, 2, 5, 8, 3, 6, 4, 7)))

##      id times code1 code2 measure1 measure2 score1 score2
## 1  1      1   DAB   CEB  -0.6265  -0.7075   145   299
## 2  1      2   DCB   ECD   0.1836   0.3646   180   224
## 3  1      3   EBA   DAE  -0.8356   0.7685   148   222
## 4  2      1   AED   DBA   1.5953  -0.1123    56   175
## 5  2      2   CEB   DAC   0.3295   0.8811   245   260
## 6  2      3   EBD   DCA  -0.8205   0.3981   198   216

# As above, but sorted by ,times, and then ,id,
head(df.sorter(dat, var.order = c("id", "tim", "cod", "mea", "sco"),
               col.sort = c(2, 1)))

##      id times code1 code2 measure1 measure2 score1 score2
## 1  1      1   DAB   CEB  -0.6265  -0.7075   145   299

```

```
## 4 2 1 AED DBA 1.5953 -0.1123 56 175
## 7 3 1 BCA CEA 0.4874 -0.6120 234 300
## 10 4 1 BED CDE -0.3054 1.4330 120 234
## 13 5 1 DBA EDB -0.6212 -1.0441 226 154
## 2 1 2 DCB ECD 0.1836 0.3646 180 224
```

```
# Drop ,measure1, and ,measure2,, sort by ,times,, and ,score1,
head(df.sorter(dat, var.order = c("id", "tim", "sco", "cod"),
  col.sort = c(2, 3)))
```

```
## id times score1 score2 code1 code2
## 4 2 1 56 175 AED DBA
## 10 4 1 120 234 BED CDE
## 1 1 1 145 299 DAB CEB
## 13 5 1 226 154 DBA EDB
## 7 3 1 234 300 BCA CEA
## 8 3 2 32 179 CDA CAD
```

```
# As above, but using names
head(df.sorter(dat, var.order = c("id", "tim", "sco", "cod"),
  col.sort = c("times", "score1")))
```

```
## id times score1 score2 code1 code2
## 4 2 1 56 175 AED DBA
## 10 4 1 120 234 BED CDE
## 1 1 1 145 299 DAB CEB
## 13 5 1 226 154 DBA EDB
## 7 3 1 234 300 BCA CEA
## 8 3 2 32 179 CDA CAD
```

```
# Just sort by columns, first by ,times, then by ,id,
head(df.sorter(dat, col.sort = c("times", "id")))
```

```
## id times measure1 score1 code1 measure2 score2 code2
## 1 1 1 -0.6265 145 DAB -0.7075 299 CEB
## 4 2 1 1.5953 56 AED -0.1123 175 DBA
## 7 3 1 0.4874 234 BCA -0.6120 300 CEA
## 10 4 1 -0.3054 120 BED 1.4330 234 CDE
## 13 5 1 -0.6212 226 DBA -1.0441 154 EDB
## 2 1 2 0.1836 180 DCB 0.3646 224 ECD
```

```
head(df.sorter(dat, col.sort = c("code1"))) # Sorting by character values
```

```
## id times measure1 score1 code1 measure2 score2 code2
## 4 2 1 1.5953 56 AED -0.1123 175 DBA
## 15 5 3 1.1249 152 AED -0.1351 277 DCE
## 7 3 1 0.4874 234 BCA -0.6120 300 CEA
## 10 4 1 -0.3054 120 BED 1.4330 234 CDE
## 8 3 2 0.7383 32 CDA 0.3411 179 CAD
## 5 2 2 0.3295 245 CEB 0.8811 260 DAC
```

```
# Pattern matching anywhere in the variable name
head(df.sorter(dat, var.order= "co", at.start=FALSE))
```


##	code1	code2	score1	score2
## 1	DAB	CEB	145	299
## 2	DCB	ECD	180	224
## 3	EBA	DAE	148	222
## 4	AED	DBA	56	175
## 5	CEB	DAC	245	260
## 6	EBD	DCA	198	216

To Do

- Add an option to sort ascending or descending—at the moment, not supported.

Chapter 3

multi.freq.table

The `multi.freq.table` function takes a data frame containing Boolean responses to multiple response questions and tabulates the number of responses by the possible combinations of answers. In addition to tabulating the frequency (**Freq**), there are two other columns in the output: *Percent of Responses* (**Pct.of.Resp**) and *Percent of Cases* (**Pct.of.Cases**). *Percent of Responses* is the frequency divided by the total number of answers provided; this column should sum to 100%. In some cases, for instance when a combination table is generated and there are cases where a respondent did not select any option, the *Percent of Responses* value would be more than 100%. *Percent of Cases* is the frequency divided by the total number of valid cases; this column would most likely sum to more than 100% when a basic table is produced since each respondent (case) can select multiple answers, but should sum to 100% with other tables.

Arguments

- **data**: The multiple responses that need to be tabulated.
- **sep**: The desired separator for collapsing the combinations of options; defaults to "" (collapsing with no space between each option name).
- **boolean**: Are you tabulating boolean data (see **dat** examples)? Defaults to **TRUE**.
- **factors**: If you are trying to tabulate non-boolean data, and the data are not factors, you can specify the factors here (see **dat2** examples).
 - Defaults to **NULL** and is not used when **boolean = TRUE**.
- **NAtO0**: Should NA values be converted to 0.
 - Defaults to **TRUE**, in which case, the number of valid cases should be the same as the number of cases overall.
 - If set to **FALSE**, any rows with NA values will be dropped as invalid cases.
 - Only applies when **boolean = TRUE**.
- **basic**: Should a basic table of each item, rather than combinations of items, be created? Defaults to **FALSE**.
- **dropzero**: Should combinations with a frequency of zero be dropped from the final table?
 - Defaults to **TRUE**.
 - Does not apply when **boolean = TRUE**.
- **clean**: Should the original tabulated data be retained or dropped from the final table?
 - Defaults to **TRUE**.
 - Does not apply when **boolean = TRUE**.

Examples

Boolean Data

```
# Load the function!
require(RCurl)
baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
source(textConnection(getURL(paste0(baseURL, "scripts/multi.freq.table.R"))))
```

```
# Make up some data
set.seed(1)
dat = data.frame(A = sample(c(0, 1), 20, replace=TRUE),
                 B = sample(c(0, 1, NA), 20,
                           prob=c(.3, .6, .1), replace=TRUE),
                 C = sample(c(0, 1, NA), 20,
                           prob=c(.7, .2, .1), replace=TRUE),
                 D = sample(c(0, 1, NA), 20,
                           prob=c(.3, .6, .1), replace=TRUE),
                 E = sample(c(0, 1, NA), 20,
                           prob=c(.4, .4, .2), replace=TRUE))
```

```
# View your data
dat
```

```
##      A  B C  D  E
## 1    0 NA 1 NA  0
## 2    0  1 0  1  0
## 3    1  0 1  1  1
## 4    1  1 0  1  1
## 5    0  1 0  0  0
## 6    1  1 1  1  1
## 7    1  1 0  1  0
## 8    1  1 0  0  1
## 9    1  0 1  1  1
## 10   0  1 0  0  1
## 11   0  1 0  1  1
## 12   0  1 1  0  1
## 13   1  1 0  1  0
## 14   0  1 0  1 NA
## 15   1  0 0  1  0
## 16   0  0 0  0  0
## 17   1  0 0  0  0
## 18   1  1 0  1  0
## 19   0  0 0  0 NA
## 20   1  1 0 NA  0
```

```
# How many cases have "NA" values?
table(is.na(rowSums(dat)))
```

```
##
## FALSE  TRUE
##      16      4
```

```
# Apply the function with all defaults accepted
multi.freq.table(dat)
```

```
##      Combn Freq Weighted.Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
```

```
## 1      2      2      4.167      10
## 2      A      1      1      2.083      5
## 3      B      1      1      2.083      5
## 4      AB     1      2      4.167      5
## 5      C      1      1      2.083      5
## 6      AD     1      2      4.167      5
## 7      BD     2      4      8.333      10
## 8      ABD    3      9      18.750      15
## 9      BE     1      2      4.167      5
## 10     ABE     1      3      6.250      5
## 11     BCE     1      3      6.250      5
## 12     BDE     1      3      6.250      5
## 13     ABDE    1      4      8.333      5
## 14     ACDE    2      8      16.667      10
## 15     ABCDE   1      5      10.417      5
```

```
# Tabulate only on variables "A", "B", and "D", with a different
# separator, keep any zero frequency values, and keeping the
# original tabulations. There are no solitary "D" responses.
multi.freq.table(dat[c(1, 2, 4)], sep="-", dropzero=FALSE, clean=FALSE)
```

```
##   A B D Freq Combn Weighted.Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## 1 0 0 0    3      3      8.571      15
## 2 1 0 0    1      A      1      2.857      5
## 3 0 1 0    3      B      3      8.571      15
## 4 1 1 0    2     A-B     4     11.429     10
## 5 0 0 1    0      D      0      0.000      0
## 6 1 0 1    3     A-D     6     17.143     15
## 7 0 1 1    3     B-D     6     17.143     15
## 8 1 1 1    5  A-B-D    15     42.857     25
```

```
# As above, but without converting "NA" to "0".
# Note the difference in the number of valid cases.
multi.freq.table(dat[c(1, 2, 4)], NAt0=FALSE,
                 sep="-", dropzero=FALSE, clean=FALSE)
```

```
##   A B D Freq Combn Weighted.Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## 1 0 0 0    2      2      6.061     11.111
## 2 1 0 0    1      A      1      3.030      5.556
## 3 0 1 0    3      B      3      9.091     16.667
## 4 1 1 0    1     A-B     2      6.061      5.556
## 5 0 0 1    0      D      0      0.000      0.000
## 6 1 0 1    3     A-D     6     18.182     16.667
## 7 0 1 1    3     B-D     6     18.182     16.667
## 8 1 1 1    5  A-B-D    15     45.455     27.778
```

```
# View a basic table.
multi.freq.table(dat, basic=TRUE)
```

```
##   Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## A    11      22.92      55
## B    13      27.08      65
## C     5      10.42      25
## D    11      22.92      55
## E     8      16.67      40
```

Non-Boolean Data

```
# Make up some data
dat2 = structure(list(Reason.1 = c("one", "one", "two", "one", "two",
                                   "three", "one", "one", NA, "two"),
                    Reason.2 = c("two", "three", "three", NA, NA,
                                   "two", "three", "two", NA, NA),
                    Reason.3 = c("three", NA, NA, NA, NA,
                                   NA, NA, "three", NA, NA)),
                .Names = c("Reason.1", "Reason.2", "Reason.3"),
                class = "data.frame",
                row.names = c(NA, -10L))

# View your data
dat2
```

```
##      Reason.1 Reason.2 Reason.3
## 1         one      two      three
## 2         one      three    <NA>
## 3         two      three    <NA>
## 4         one    <NA>    <NA>
## 5         two    <NA>    <NA>
## 6      three      two    <NA>
## 7         one      three    <NA>
## 8         one      two      three
## 9        <NA>    <NA>    <NA>
## 10        two    <NA>    <NA>
```

```
# The following will not work.
# The data are not factored.
multi.freq.table(dat2, boolean=FALSE)
```

```
## Error: Input variables must be factors. Please provide factors using the
## 'factors' argument or convert your data to factor before using function.
```

```
# Factor create the factors.
multi.freq.table(dat2, boolean=FALSE,
                factors = c("one", "two", "three"))
```

```
##      Combos Freq Weighted.Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## 1          1      1           1      5.882          10
## 8         one      1           1      5.882          10
## 12        two      2           2     11.765          20
## 15    onethree      2           4     23.529          20
## 17   threetwo      2           4     23.529          20
## 22 onethreetwo      2           6     35.294          20
```

```
# And, a basic table.
multi.freq.table(dat2, boolean=FALSE,
                factors = c("one", "two", "three"),
                basic=TRUE)
```

```
##      Item Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## 1   one      5      29.41           50
## 2   two      6      35.29           60
## 3 three      6      35.29           60
```

Extended Examples

The following example is based on some data available from the University of Auckland's Student Learning Resources¹.

When the data are read into R, the factor labels are very long, which makes it difficult to see on the screen. Thus, in the first example that follows, the factor levels are first recoded before the multiple frequency tables are created. Additionally, the data for the binary information in the second example was coded in a common 1 = Yes and 2 = No format, but we need 0 = No instead, so we need to do some recoding there too before using the function.

```
# Get the data
library(foreign)
temp = "http://cad.auckland.ac.nz/file.php/content/files/slc/"
computer = read.spss(paste0(temp,
                             "computer_multiple_response.sav"),
                     to.data.frame=TRUE)

rm(temp)
# Preview
dim(computer)

## [1] 100 20

names(computer)

## [1] "id"          "ms_word"    "ms_excel"   "ms_ppt"     "ms_outlk"   "ms_pub"
## [7] "ms_proj"    "ms_acc"     "netscape"  "int_expl"   "adobe_rd"   "endnote"
## [13] "spss"       "quality1"   "quality2"   "quality3"   "quality4"   "quality5"
## [19] "quality6"   "gender"

# First, let's just tabulate the instructor qualities.
# Extract the relevant columns, and relevel the factors.
instructor.quality =
  computer[, grep("quali", names(computer))]
# View the existing levels.
lapply(instructor.quality, levels)[[1]]

## [1] "Ability to provide practical examples"
## [2] "Ability to answer questions positively"
## [3] "Ability to clearly explain concepts"
## [4] "Ability to instruct at a suitable pace"
## [5] "Knowledge of software"
## [6] "Humour"
## [7] "Other"

instructor.quality = lapply(instructor.quality,
                           function(x) { levels(x) =
list(Q1 = "Ability to provide practical examples",
      Q2 = "Ability to answer questions positively",
      Q3 = "Ability to clearly explain concepts",
      Q4 = "Ability to instruct at a suitable pace",
      Q5 = "Knowledge of Software",
      Q6 = "Humour", Q7 = "Other"); x })
# Now, apply multi.freq.table to the data.
multi.freq.table(data.frame(instructor.quality),
                 boolean=FALSE, basic=TRUE)
```

¹See: <http://www.cad.auckland.ac.nz/index.php?p=spss>

```
##      Item Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## 1   Q1    47      18.077      47
## 2   Q2    59      22.692      59
## 3   Q3    55      21.154      55
## 4   Q4    43      16.538      43
## 5   Q5     0       0.000       0
## 6   Q6    47      18.077      47
## 7   Q7     9       3.462       9
```

```
list(head(multi.freq.table(data.frame(instructor.quality),
                                   boolean=FALSE, sep="-")),
      tail(multi.freq.table(data.frame(instructor.quality),
                                   boolean=FALSE, sep="-")))
```

```
## [[1]]
##      Combos Freq Weighted.Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## 1      Q1     1           1      0.3846      1
## 21     Q2     3           3      1.1538      3
## 31     Q3     2           2      0.7692      2
## 37     Q4     2           2      0.7692      2
## 39     Q6     3           3      1.1538      3
## 41  Q1-Q2     8          16      6.1538      8
##
## [[2]]
##      Combos Freq Weighted.Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## 133  Q1-Q3-Q6-Q7  1           4      1.538      1
## 141  Q2-Q3-Q4-Q6  4          16      6.154      4
## 151  Q3-Q4-Q6-Q7  1           4      1.538      1
## 161  Q1-Q2-Q3-Q4-Q6  1           5      1.923      1
## 164  Q1-Q2-Q3-Q6-Q7  1           5      1.923      1
## 201  Q1-Q2-Q3-Q4-Q6-Q7  1           6      2.308      1
```

```
# Now, let's look at the software.
instructors.sw = computer[2:13]
# These columns are coded as 1 = Yes and 2 = No,
# so, convert to integers, and subtract two, and
# take the absolute value to convert to binary.
instructors.sw = lapply(instructors.sw,
                        function(x) abs(as.integer(x)-2))
# Apply multi.freq.table
multi.freq.table(data.frame(instructors.sw), basic=TRUE)
```

```
##      Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## ms_word    77      13.975      77
## ms_excel   48       8.711      48
## ms_ppt     55       9.982      55
## ms_outlk   52       9.437      52
## ms_pub     19       3.448      19
## ms_proj    21       3.811      21
## ms_acc     57      10.345      57
## netscape   10       1.815      10
## int_expl   84      15.245      84
## adobe_rd   48       8.711      48
## endnote    55       9.982      55
## spss       25       4.537      25
```

```
# The output here is not pretty. To get prettier (or more meaningful)
# output, provide shorter names for the variables or use just a
```

```
# meaningful subset of the variables.
list(head(multi.freq.table(data.frame(instructors.sw), sep="-")),
      tail(multi.freq.table(data.frame(instructors.sw), sep="-")))

## [[1]]
##
##                               Combn Freq Weighted.Freq Pct.of.Resp
## 1                ms_word-ms_excel-ms_ppt-ms_acc      1           4      0.7260
## 2 ms_word-ms_excel-ms_ppt-ms_outlk-ms_pub-ms_acc      1           6      1.0889
## 3                                int_expl      2           2      0.3630
## 4                        ms_word-int_expl      1           2      0.3630
## 5                ms_word-ms_ppt-int_expl      1           3      0.5445
## 6                ms_word-ms_outlk-int_expl      1           3      0.5445
##   Pct.of.Cases
## 1             1
## 2             1
## 3             2
## 4             1
## 5             1
## 6             1
##
## [[2]]
##
##                               Combn Freq
## 91 ms_word-ms_excel-ms_outlk-ms_pub-ms_proj-int_expl-adobe_rd-endnote-spss      1
## 92                ms_word-ms_excel-ms_ppt-ms_acc-int_expl-adobe_rd-endnote-spss      1
## 93                ms_word-ms_outlk-ms_acc-int_expl-adobe_rd-endnote-spss      1
## 94                ms_word-ms_ppt-ms_outlk-ms_acc-int_expl-adobe_rd-endnote-spss      1
## 95                ms_word-ms_pub-ms_acc-int_expl-adobe_rd-endnote-spss      1
## 96                ms_outlk-ms_proj-ms_acc-int_expl-adobe_rd-endnote-spss      1
##   Weighted.Freq Pct.of.Resp Pct.of.Cases
## 91             9      1.633           1
## 92             8      1.452           1
## 93             7      1.270           1
## 94             8      1.452           1
## 95             7      1.270           1
## 96             7      1.270           1
```

References

apply shortcut for creating the Combn column in the output by [Justin](#)

See: <http://stackoverflow.com/q/11348391/1270695> and <http://stackoverflow.com/q/11622660/1270695>

Chapter 4

RandomNames

The `RandomNames()` function uses data from the *Genealogy Data: Frequently Occurring Surnames from Census 1990–Names Files* web page¹ to generate a `data.frame` with random names.

The Arguments

- **N**: The number of random names you want. Defaults to 100.
- **cat**: Do you want "common" names, "rare" names, names with an "average" frequency, or some combination of these? Should be specified as a character vector (for example, `c("rare", "common")`). Defaults to `NULL`, in which case all names are used as the sample frame.
- **gender**: Do you want first names from the "male" dataset, the "female" dataset, or from all available names? Should be specified as a quoted string (for example, "male"). Defaults to `NULL`, in which case all available first names are used as the sample frame.
- **MFprob**: What proportion of the sample should be male names and what proportion should be female? Specify as a numeric vector that sums to 1 (for example, `c(.6, .4)`). The first number represents the probability of sampling a "male" first name, and the second number represents the probability of sampling a "female" name. This argument is not used if only one **gender** has been specified in the previous argument. Defaults to `NULL`, in which case, the probability used is `c(.5, .5)`.
- **dataset**: What do you want to use as the dataset of names from which to sample? A default dataset is provided that can generate over 400 million unique names. See the “*Dataset Details*” section for more information.

Dataset Details

This function samples from a provided dataset of names. By default, it uses the data from the *Genealogy Data: Frequently Occurring Surnames from Census 1990–Names Files* web page. Those data have been converted to `list` named “`CensusNames1990`” containing three `data.frames` (named “`surnames`”, “`malenames`”, and “`femalenames`”) and saved as an `.RData` file named `CensusNames.RData`. The data file (approximately 615 kb) can be manually downloaded from [Github](https://github.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/blob/master/data/CensusNames.RData)² and loaded to your workspace. The function will perform some basic checking to see if either the `CensusNames.RData` file or the `CensusNames1990` objects are available in your workspace or working directory. If neither is found and an internet connection is active during your R session, the function will offer you the option to automatically download the dataset and add it to your *current* session.

Alternatively, you may provide your own data in a `list` formatted according to the following specifications (see the “*myCustomNames*” data in the “*Examples*” section). *Please remember that R is case sensitive!*

¹See http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/1990surnames/names_files.html

²See: <https://github.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/blob/master/data/CensusNames.RData>

- This must be a named list with three items: "surnames", "malenames", and "femalenames".
- The contents of each list item is a `data.frame` with at least the following named columns: "Name" and "Category".
- Acceptable values for "Category" are "common", "rare", and "average".

Examples

```
# Load the function!
require(RCurl)
baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
source(textConnection(getURL(paste0(baseURL, "scripts/random.names.R"))))

# Generate 20 random names
RandomNames(N = 20)
```

##	Gender	FirstName	Surnames
## 1	F	Sasha	Vedovelli
## 2	F	Luz	Collon
## 3	M	Gino	Early
## 4	F	Hilde	Bridger
## 5	M	Aldo	Scouller
## 6	F	Yvone	Baldasaro
## 7	M	Amado	Dunovant
## 8	M	Kendrick	Ghazal
## 9	F	Valencia	Kannady
## 10	F	Pearlene	Tully
## 11	M	Mac	Hamp
## 12	M	Benton	Krejcik
## 13	M	Ferdinand	Boswell
## 14	M	Arnoldo	Ikehara
## 15	F	Maybell	Crimin
## 16	M	Julian	Mari
## 17	M	Bruce	Maytubby
## 18	F	Clemencia	Pedaci
## 19	F	Cheri	Mor
## 20	M	Jose	Welles

```
# Generate a reproducible list of 100 random names with approximately 80% of
# the names being female names, and 20% being male names.
set.seed(1)
temp <- RandomNames(cat = "common", MFprob = c(.2, .8))
list(head(temp), tail(temp))
```

```
## [[1]]
##   Gender FirstName Surnames
## 1      F   Mildred   Moring
## 2      F  Gertrude   Duron
## 3      F    Marta   Croom
## 4      F Angelita Neuberger
## 5      M   Morris   Gallucci
## 6      F    Enid Barrientos
##
## [[2]]
##   Gender FirstName Surnames
```

```
## 95      F      Jeanie Toussaint
## 96      F Rosalinda Beauvais
## 97      F      Blanche Schaeffer
## 98      F      Lena      Hepp
## 99      F      Louisa      Struck
## 100     F      Dorothy      Divito
```

```
table(temp$Gender)
```

```
##
##  F  M
## 84 16
```

```
# Cleanup
```

```
rm(.Random.seed, envir=globalenv()) # Resets your seed
rm(temp)
```

```
# Generate 10 names from the common and rare categories of names
```

```
RandomNames(N = 10, cat = c("common", "rare"))
```

```
##      Gender FirstName  Surnames
## 1      M      James   Inskeep
## 2      M  Alfredo   Birkline
## 3      M   Carlos    Oller
## 4      M   Ronald   Maiers
## 5      M   Jarred   Haeder
## 6      M   Ricky   Geryol
## 7      M   Ruben Muldowney
## 8      M    Erik    Raehl
## 9      F    Wanda   Rossow
## 10     M    Milan   Rochelle
```

```
# Error messages
```

```
RandomNames(cat = c("common", "rare", "avg"))
```

```
## Error: cat must be either "all", NULL, or a combination of "common", "average",
## or "rare"
```

```
# Generate 10 female names
```

```
RandomNames(N = 10, gender = "female")
```

```
##      Gender FirstName  Surnames
## 1      F    Blythe   Hayter
## 2      F    Sofia    Lelle
## 3      F  Candance   Buhler
## 4      F   Kiyoko   Kilduff
## 5      F   Serena Breitbarth
## 6      F   Justin   Risberg
## 7      F Chantelle   Anand
## 8      F    Reva    Arko
## 9      F Vivienne   Bascom
## 10     F Georgeanna Hurndon
```

Using Your Own Data

As mentioned, it is possible to use your own list of names as the basis for generating the random names (though this is perhaps unnecessary, given the number of random names possible with the provided dataset). The following is an example of how your dataset must be structured. Note that the dataset name in the `dataset` argument is *not* quoted.

```
myCustomNames <- list(
  surnames = data.frame(
    Name = LETTERS[1:26],
    Category = c(rep("rare", 10), rep("average", 10), rep("common", 6))),
  malenames = data.frame(
    Name = letters[1:10],
    Category = c(rep("rare", 4), rep("average", 4), rep("common", 2))),
  femalenames = data.frame(
    Name = letters[11:26],
    Category = c(rep("rare", 8), rep("average", 4), rep("common", 4))))
str(myCustomNames)

## List of 3
## $ surnames : 'data.frame': 26 obs. of 2 variables:
## ..$ Name : Factor w/ 26 levels "A","B","C","D",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## ..$ Category: Factor w/ 3 levels "average","common",...: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ malenames : 'data.frame': 10 obs. of 2 variables:
## ..$ Name : Factor w/ 10 levels "a","b","c","d",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
## ..$ Category: Factor w/ 3 levels "average","common",...: 3 3 3 3 1 1 1 1 2 2
## $ femalenames: 'data.frame': 16 obs. of 2 variables:
## ..$ Name : Factor w/ 16 levels "k","l","m","n",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## ..$ Category: Factor w/ 3 levels "average","common",...: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 1 1 ...

RandomNames(N = 15, dataset = myCustomNames)

## Error: could not find function "RandomNames"
```

References

- Inspired by the online Random Name Generator (<http://random-name-generator.info/>).
- Uses data from the 1990 US Census (http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/1990surnames/names_files.html)

Chapter 5

row.extractor

The `row.extractor` function takes a `data.frame` and extracts rows with the `min`, `median`, or `max` values of a given variable, or extracts rows with specific quantiles of a given variable.

Arguments

- `data`: the source `data.frame`.
- `extract.by`: the column which will be used as the reference for extraction; can be specified either by the column number or the variable name.
- `what`: options are `min` (for all rows matching the minimum value), `median` (for the median row or rows), `max` (for all rows matching the maximum value), or `all` (for `min`, `median`, and `max`); alternatively, a numeric vector can be specified with the desired quantiles, for instance `c(0, .25, .5, .75, 1)`

Examples

```
# Load the function!
require(RCurl)
baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
source(textConnection(getURL(paste0(baseURL, "scripts/row.extractor.R"))))

# Make up some data
set.seed(1)
dat = data.frame(V1 = 1:50, V2 = rnorm(50),
                 V3 = round(abs(rnorm(50)), digits=2),
                 V4 = sample(1:30, 50, replace=TRUE))

# Get a summary of the data
summary(dat)
```

##	V1	V2	V3	V4
## Min.	: 1.0	Min. :-2.215	Min. :0.000	Min. : 2.00
## 1st Qu.:	:13.2	1st Qu.: -0.372	1st Qu.:0.347	1st Qu.: 8.25
## Median :	:25.5	Median : 0.129	Median :0.590	Median :13.00
## Mean :	:25.5	Mean : 0.100	Mean :0.774	Mean :14.80
## 3rd Qu.:	:37.8	3rd Qu.: 0.728	3rd Qu.:1.175	3rd Qu.:20.75
## Max.	:50.0	Max. : 1.595	Max. :2.400	Max. :29.00

```
# Get the rows corresponding to the ,min,, ,median,, and ,max, of ,V4,
row.extractor(dat, 4)
```

```
##      V1      V2   V3 V4
## 28 28 -1.4708 0.00  2
## 47 47  0.3646 1.28 13
## 29 29 -0.4782 0.07 13
## 11 11  1.5118 2.40 29
## 14 14 -2.2147 0.03 29
## 18 18  0.9438 1.47 29
## 19 19  0.8212 0.15 29
## 50 50  0.8811 0.47 29
```

```
# Get the ,min, rows only, referenced by the variable name
row.extractor(dat, "V4", "min")
```

```
##      V1      V2 V3 V4
## 28 28 -1.471  0  2
```

```
# Get the ,median, rows only. Notice that there are two rows
#   since we have an even number of cases and true median
#   is the mean of the two central sorted values
row.extractor(dat, "V4", "median")
```

```
##      V1      V2   V3 V4
## 47 47  0.3646 1.28 13
## 29 29 -0.4782 0.07 13
```

```
# Get the rows corresponding to the deciles of ,V3,
row.extractor(dat, "V3", seq(0.1, 1, 0.1))
```

```
##      V1      V2   V3 V4
## 10 10 -0.30539 0.14 22
## 26 26 -0.05613 0.29 16
## 39 39  1.10003 0.37 13
## 41 41 -0.16452 0.54 10
## 30 30  0.41794 0.59 26
## 44 44  0.55666 0.70  5
## 37 37 -0.39429 1.06 21
## 49 49 -0.11235 1.22 14
## 34 34 -0.05381 1.52 19
## 11 11  1.51178 2.40 29
```

To Do

- Add some error checking to make sure a valid `what` is provided.

References

which.quantile function by [cbeleites](#)
 See: <http://stackoverflow.com/q/10256503/1270695>

Chapter 6

sample.size

The `sample.size` function either calculates the optimum survey sample size when provided with a population size, or the confidence interval of using a certain sample size with a given population. It can be used to generate tables (`data.frames`) of different combinations of inputs of the following arguments, which can be useful for showing the effect of each of these in sample size calculation.

The Arguments

- `population`: The population size for which a sample size needs to be calculated.
- `samp.size`: The sample size.
 - This argument is only used when calculating the confidence interval, and defaults to `NULL`.
- `c.lev`: The desired confidence level. Defaults to a reasonable 95%.
- `c.int`: The confidence interval.
 - This argument is only used when calculating the sample size.
 - If not specified when calculating the sample size, defaults to 5% and a message is provided indicating this; this is also the default action if `c.int = NULL`.
- `what`: Should the function calculate the desired sample size or the confidence interval?
 - Accepted values are "sample" and "confidence" (quoted), and defaults to "sample".
- `distribution`: Response distribution. Defaults to 50%, which will give you the largest sample size.

Examples

```
# Load the function!
require(RCurl)
baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
source(textConnection(getURL(paste0(baseURL, "scripts/sample.size.R"))))
# What should our sample size be for a population of 300?
# All defaults accepted.
sample.size(population = 300)
```

```
##   population conf.level conf.int distribution sample.size
## 1         300         95         5          50         169
```



```

# What sample should we take for a population of 300
# at a confidence level of 97%?
sample.size(population = 300, c.lev = 97)

##   population conf.level conf.int distribution sample.size
## 1         300         97         5           50         183

# What about if we change our confidence interval?
sample.size(population = 300, c.int = 2.5, what = "sample")

##   population conf.level conf.int distribution sample.size
## 1         300         95         2.5           50         251

# What about if we want to determine the confidence interval
# of a sample of 140 from a population of 300? A confidence
# level of 95% is assumed.
sample.size(population = 300, samp.size = 140, what = "confidence")

##   population conf.level conf.int distribution sample.size
## 1         300         95         6.06           50         140

```

Advanced Usage

As the function is vectorized, it is possible to easily make tables with multiple scenarios.

```

# What should the sample be for populations of 300 to 500 by 50?
sample.size(population=c(300, 350, 400, 450, 500))

##   population conf.level conf.int distribution sample.size
## 1         300         95         5           50         169
## 2         350         95         5           50         183
## 3         400         95         5           50         196
## 4         450         95         5           50         207
## 5         500         95         5           50         217

# How does varying confidence levels or confidence intervals
# affect the sample size?
sample.size(population=300,
            c.lev=rep(c(95, 96, 97, 98, 99), times = 3),
            c.int=rep(c(2.5, 5, 10), each=5))

##   population conf.level conf.int distribution sample.size
## 1         300         95         2.5           50         251
## 2         300         96         2.5           50         255
## 3         300         97         2.5           50         259
## 4         300         98         2.5           50         264
## 5         300         99         2.5           50         270
## 6         300         95         5.0           50         169
## 7         300         96         5.0           50         176
## 8         300         97         5.0           50         183
## 9         300         98         5.0           50         193
## 10        300         99         5.0           50         207
## 11        300         95        10.0           50          73
## 12        300         96        10.0           50          78
## 13        300         97        10.0           50          85
## 14        300         98        10.0           50          93
## 15        300         99        10.0           50         107

```

```
# What is are the confidence intervals for a sample of
# 150, 160, and 170 from a population of 300?
sample.size(population=300,
            samp.size = c(150, 160, 170),
            what="confidence")
```

```
## population conf.level conf.int distribution sample.size
## 1          300          95      5.67             50         150
## 2          300          95      5.30             50         160
## 3          300          95      4.96             50         170
```

Note that the use of `rep()` is required in constructing the arguments for the advanced usage examples where more than one argument takes on multiple values.

References

See the *2657 Productions News* site for how this function progressively developed¹. The `sample.size` function is based on the following formulas²:

$$ss = \frac{-Z^2 \times p \times (1-p)}{c^2}$$

$$pss = \frac{\frac{ss}{ss-1}}{1 + \frac{ss-1}{pop}}$$

¹<http://news.mrdwab.com/2010/09/10/a-sample-size-calculator-function-for-r/>

²See: Creative Research Systems. (n.d.). *Sample size formulas for our sample size calculator*. Retrieved from: <http://www.surveysystem.com/sample-size-formula.htm>. Archived on 07 August 2012 at <http://www.webcitation.org/69kNjMuKe>.

Chapter 7

stringseed.sampling

The `stringseed.sampling` function is designed as a batch sampling function that allows the user to specify any alphanumeric input as the seed *per sample in the batch*.

The Arguments

- `seedbase`: A vector of seeds to be used for sampling.
- `N`: The “population” from which to draw the sample.
- `n`: The desired number of samples.
- `write.output`: Logical. Should the output be written to a file? Defaults to `FALSE`. If `TRUE`, a csv file is written with the sample “metadata”, and a plain text file is written with the details of the resulting sample.

Examples

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Chapter 8

Where to Get the Functions

The most current source code for the functions described in this document follow.

To load the functions, you can directly source them from the 2657 R Functions page at github:
<https://github.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions>

You should be able to load the functions using the following (replace ----- with the function name¹):

```
require(RCurl)
baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
source(textConnection(getURL(paste0(baseURL, "scripts/-----.R"))))
```

¹The “snippets” in Part III of this document can all be loaded from the script `snippets.R`.

Chapter 9

concat.split

```
concat.split = function(data, split.col, to.list=FALSE, mode=NULL,
                        sep=",", drop.col=FALSE) {
  # Takes a column with multiple values, splits the values into
  # separate columns, and returns a new data.frame.
  # ,data, is the source data.frame; ,split.col, is the variable that
  # needs to be split; ,to.list, is whether the split output should
  # be added as a single variable list (defaults to "FALSE");
  # mode, can be either ,binary, or ,value, (where ,binary, is
  # default and it recodes values to 1 or NA); ,sep, is the
  # character separating each value (defaults to ,,,);
  # and ,drop.col, is logical (whether to remove the original
  # variable from the output or not.
  #
  # === EXAMPLES ===
  #
  #       dat = data.frame(V1 = c("1, 2, 4", "3, 4, 5",
  #                               "1, 2, 5", "4", "1, 2, 3, 5"),
  #                         V2 = c("1;2;3;4", "1", "2;5",
  #                               "3;2", "2;3;4"))
  #
  #       dat2 = data.frame(V1 = c("Fred, John, Sue", "Jerry, Jill",
  #                                "Sally, Ryan", "Susan, Amos, Ben"))
  #
  #       concat.split(dat, 1)
  #       concat.split(dat, 2, sep=";")
  #       concat.split(dat, "V2", sep=";", mode="value")
  #       concat.split(dat, "V1", mode="binary")
  #       concat.split(dat2, 1)
  #       concat.split(dat2, "V1", drop.col=TRUE)
  #
  # See: http://stackoverflow.com/q/10100887/1270695
  #
  # Check to see if split.col is specified by name or position
  if (is.numeric(split.col)) split.col = split.col
  else split.col = which(colnames(data) %in% split.col)
  #
  # Split the data
  a = as.character(data[, split.col])
  b = strsplit(a, sep)
  ##### LIST #####
  if (isTRUE(to.list)) {
```

```

varname = paste(names(data[split.col]), "_list", sep="")
if (suppressWarnings(is.na(try(max(as.numeric(unlist(b))))))) {
  data[varname] = list(lapply(lapply(b, as.character),
                                function(x) gsub("^\\s+|\\s+$",
                                                  "", x)))
} else if (!is.na(try(max(as.numeric(unlist(b)))))) {
  data[varname] = list(lapply(b, as.numeric))
}
if (isTRUE(drop.col)) data[-split.col]
else data

### SEPARATE COLUMNS ###

} else if (!isTRUE(to.list)) {
  if (suppressWarnings(is.na(try(max(as.numeric(unlist(b))))))) {
    what = "string"
    ncol = max(unlist(lapply(b, function(i) length(i))))
  } else if (!is.na(try(max(as.numeric(unlist(b)))))) {
    what = "numeric"
    ncol = max(as.numeric(unlist(b)))
  }

  if (identical(what, "string")) {
    temp = as.data.frame(t(sapply(b, ,[, 1:ncol])))
    names(temp) = paste(names(data[split.col]), "_", 1:ncol, sep="")
    temp = apply(temp, 2, function(x) gsub("^\\s+|\\s+$", "", x))
    temp1 = cbind(data, temp)
  } else if (identical(what, "numeric")) {
    temp = lapply(b, as.numeric)
    m = matrix(nrow = nrow(data), ncol = ncol)
    for (i in 1:nrow(data)) {
      m[i, temp[[i]]] = temp[[i]]
    }

    m = setNames(data.frame(m),
                  paste(names(data[split.col]), "_", 1:ncol, sep=""))

    if (is.null(mode) || identical(mode, "binary")) {
      temp1 = cbind(data, replace(m, m != "NA", 1))
    } else if (identical(mode, "value")) {
      temp1 = cbind(data, m)
    }
  }

  if (isTRUE(drop.col)) temp1[-split.col]
  else temp1
}
}

```

Chapter 10

df.sorter

```
df.sorter = function(data, var.order=names(data), col.sort=NULL, at.start=TRUE ) {  
  # Sorts a data.frame by columns or rows or both.  
  # Can also subset the data columns by using ,var.order,.  
  # Can refer to variables either by names or number.  
  # If referring to variable by number, and sorting both the order  
  #   of variables and the sorting within variables, refer to the  
  #   variable numbers of the final data.frame.  
  #  
  # === EXAMPLES ===  
  #  
  #   library(foreign)  
  #   temp = "http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/stata/modules/kidshtwt.dta"  
  #   kidshtwt = read.dta(temp); rm(temp)  
  #   df.sorter(kidshtwt, var.order = c("fam", "bir", "wt", "ht"))  
  #   df.sorter(kidshtwt, var.order = c("fam", "bir", "wt", "ht"),  
  #             col.sort = c("birth", "famid")) # USE FULL NAMES HERE  
  #   df.sorter(kidshtwt, var.order = c(1:4),      # DROP THE WT COLUMNS  
  #             col.sort = 3)                    # SORT BY HT1  
  
  if (is.numeric(var.order))  
    var.order = colnames(data)[var.order]  
  else var.order = var.order  
  
  if (isTRUE(at.start)) {  
    x = unlist(lapply(var.order, function(x)  
      sort(grep(paste("^", x, sep="", collapse=""),  
        names(data), value = TRUE))))  
  } else if (!isTRUE(at.start)) {  
    x = unlist(lapply(var.order, function(x)  
      sort(grep(x, names(data), value = TRUE))))  
  }  
  
  y = data[, x]  
  
  if (is.null(col.sort)) {  
    y  
  } else if (is.numeric(col.sort)) {  
    y[do.call(order, y[colnames(y)[col.sort]]), ]  
  } else if (!is.numeric(col.sort)) {  
    y[do.call(order, y[col.sort]), ]  
  }  
}
```


Chapter 11

multi.freq.table

```
multi.freq.table = function(data, sep="", boolean=TRUE,
                             factors=NULL,
                             NAto0=TRUE, basic=FALSE,
                             dropzero=TRUE, clean=TRUE) {
  # Takes multiple-response data and tabulates it according
  # to the possible combinations of each variable.
  #
  # === EXAMPLES ===
  #
  #   set.seed(1)
  #   dat = data.frame(A = sample(c(0, 1), 20, replace=TRUE),
  #                     B = sample(c(0, 1), 20, replace=TRUE),
  #                     C = sample(c(0, 1), 20, replace=TRUE),
  #                     D = sample(c(0, 1), 20, replace=TRUE),
  #                     E = sample(c(0, 1), 20, replace=TRUE))
  #   multi.freq.table(dat)
  #   multi.freq.table(dat[1:3], sep="-", dropzero=TRUE)
  #
  # See: http://stackoverflow.com/q/11348391/1270695
  #      http://stackoverflow.com/q/11622660/1270695

  if (!is.data.frame(data)) {
    stop("Input must be a data frame.")
  }

  if (isTRUE(boolean)) {
    CASES = nrow(data)
    RESPS = sum(data, na.rm=TRUE)

    if(isTRUE(NAto0)) {
      data[is.na(data)] = 0
      VALID = CASES
      VRESP = RESPS
    } else if(!isTRUE(NAto0)) {
      data = data[complete.cases(data), ]
      VALID = CASES - (CASES - nrow(data))
      VRESP = sum(data)
    }

    if(isTRUE(basic)) {
      counts = data.frame(Freq = colSums(data),
                          Pct.of.Resp = (colSums(data)/sum(data))*100,
```

```

        Pct.of.Cases = (colSums(data)/nrow(data))*100)
} else if (!isTRUE(basic)) {
  counts = data.frame(table(data))
  Z = counts[, c(intersect(names(data), names(counts)))]
  Z = rowSums(sapply(Z, as.numeric)-1)
  if(Z[1] == 0) { Z[1] = 1 }
  N = ncol(counts)
  counts$Combn = apply(counts[-N] == 1, 1,
    function(x) paste(names(counts[-N])[x],
      collapse=sep))

  counts$Weighted.Freq = Z*counts$Freq
  counts$Pct.of.Resp = (counts$Weighted.Freq/sum(data))*100
  counts$Pct.of.Cases = (counts$Freq/nrow(data))*100
  if (isTRUE(dropzero)) {
    counts = counts[counts$Freq != 0, ]
  } else if (!isTRUE(dropzero)) {
    counts = counts
  }
  if (isTRUE(clean)) {
    counts = data.frame(Combn = counts$Combn, Freq = counts$Freq,
      Weighted.Freq = counts$Weighted.Freq,
      Pct.of.Resp = counts$Pct.of.Resp,
      Pct.of.Cases = counts$Pct.of.Cases)
  }
}
message("Total cases:      ", CASES, "\n",
  "Valid cases:         ", VALID, "\n",
  "Total responses:     ", RESPS, "\n",
  "Valid responses:     ", VRESP, "\n")
counts
} else if (!isTRUE(boolean)) {
  CASES = nrow(data)
  RESPS = length(data[!is.na(data)])
  if (!isTRUE(any(sapply(data, is.factor)))) {
    if (is.null(factors)) {
      stop("Input variables must be factors.
        Please provide factors using the ,factors, argument or
        convert your data to factor before using function.")
    } else {
      data[sapply(data, is.character)] =
        lapply(data[sapply(data, is.character)],
          function(x) factor(x, levels=factors))
    }
  }
}
if (isTRUE(basic)) {
  ROWS = levels(unlist(data))
  OUT = table(unlist(data))
  PCT = (OUT/sum(OUT)) * 100
  OUT = data.frame(ROWS, OUT, PCT, row.names=NULL)
  OUT = data.frame(Item = OUT[, 1], Freq = OUT[, 3],
    Pct.of.Resp = OUT[, 5],
    Pct.of.Cases = (OUT[, 3]/CASES)*100)
  message("Total cases:      ", CASES, "\n",
    "Total responses:   ", RESPS, "\n")
  OUT
} else if (!isTRUE(basic)) {
  Combos = apply(data, 1, function(x) paste0(sort(x), collapse = sep))
  Weight = as.numeric(rowSums(!is.na(data)))

```

```

OUT = data.frame(table(Combos, Weight))
OUT = OUT[OUT$Freq > 0, ]
OUT$Weight = as.numeric(as.character(OUT$Weight))
if(OUT$Weight[1] == 0) { OUT$Weight[1] = 1 }
OUT$Weighted.Freq = OUT$Weight*OUT$Freq
OUT$Pct.of.Resp = (OUT$Weighted.Freq/RESPS)*100
OUT$Pct.of.Cases = (OUT[, 3]/CASES)*100
message("Total cases:      ", CASES, "\n",
        "Total responses: ", RESPS, "\n")
OUT[-2]
}
}
}

```


Chapter 12

RandomNames

```
RandomNames <- function(N = 100, cat = NULL, gender = NULL,
                        MFprob = NULL, dataset = NULL) {
  # Generates a „data.frame„ of random names with the following columns:
  #   "Gender", "FirstName", and "Surname". All arguments have preset
  #   defaults, so the function can be run simply by typing „RandomNames()„,
  #   which will generate 100 random male and female names.
  #
  # === EXAMPLES ===
  #
  #   RandomNames()
  #   RandomNames(N = 20)
  #   RandomNames(cat = "common", MFprob = c(.2, .8))
  #
  # See:
  #   - http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/data/1990surnames/names\_files.html
  #   - http://random-name-generator.info/

  if (is.null(dataset)) {
    if (!exists("CensusNames1990", where = 1)) {
      if (isTRUE(list.files(
        pattern = "~CensusNames.RData$" == "CensusNames.RData")) {
        load("CensusNames.RData")
      } else {
        ans = readline("
,CensusNames.RData, dataset not found in working directory.
,CensusNames1990, object not found in workspace. \n
Load the dataset now? (y/n) -- ")
        if (ans != "y")
          return(invisible())
        require(RCurl)
        baseURL = c("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mrdwab/2657-R-Functions/master/")
        temp = getBinaryURL(paste0(baseURL, "data/CensusNames.RData"))
        load(rawConnection(temp), envir=.GlobalEnv)
        message("CensusNames1990 data downloaded from \n",
                paste0(baseURL, "data/CensusNames.RData \n"),
                "and added to your workspace\n\n")
        rm(temp, baseURL)
      }
    }
    dataset <- CensusNames1990
  }
  TEMP <- dataset
```

```

possiblecats <- c("common", "rare", "average")
if(all(cat %in% possiblecats) == FALSE)
  stop(,cat must be either "all", NULL,
       or a combination of "common", "average", or "rare",)
possiblelegenders <- c("male", "female", "both")
if (all(gender %in% possiblelegenders) == FALSE) {
  stop(,gender must be either "both", NULL, "male", or "female",)
}
if (isTRUE(identical(gender, c("male", "female")))) ||
  isTRUE(identical(gender, c("female", "male")))) {
  gender <- "both"
}
if (is.null(cat) || cat == "all") {
  surnames <- TEMP[["surnames"]][["Name"]]
  malenames <- paste("M-", TEMP[["malenames"]][["Name"]], sep="")
  femalenames <- paste("F-", TEMP[["femalenames"]][["Name"]], sep="")
} else {
  surnames <- suppressWarnings(
    with(TEMP[["surnames"]],
         TEMP[["surnames"]][Category == cat, "Name"]))
  malenames <- paste("M-", suppressWarnings(
    with(TEMP[["malenames"]],
         TEMP[["malenames"]][Category == cat, "Name"])), sep="")
  femalenames <- paste("F-", suppressWarnings(
    with(TEMP[["femalenames"]],
         TEMP[["femalenames"]][Category == cat, "Name"])), sep="")
}

if (is.null(gender) || gender == "both") {
  if (is.null(MFprob)) MFprob <- c(.5, .5)
  firstnames <- sample(c(malenames, femalenames), N, replace = TRUE,
                      prob = c(rep(MFprob[1]/length(malenames),
                                   length(malenames)),
                              rep(MFprob[2]/length(femalenames),
                                   length(femalenames))))
} else if (gender == "female") {
  firstnames <- sample(femalenames, N, replace = TRUE)
} else if (gender == "male") {
  firstnames <- sample(malenames, N, replace = TRUE)
}

Surnames <- sample(surnames, N, replace = TRUE)
temp <- setNames(data.frame(do.call(rbind, strsplit(firstnames, "-"))),
                 c("Gender", "FirstName"))
cbind(temp, Surnames)
}

```

Chapter 13

row.extractor

```
row.extractor = function(data, extract.by, what="all") {
  # Extracts rows with min, median, and max values, or by quantiles.
  # Values for "what" can be "min", "median", "max", "all", or a
  # vector specifying the desired quantiles.
  # Values for "extract.by" can be the variable name or number.
  #
  # === EXAMPLES ===
  #
  #   set.seed(1)
  #   dat = data.frame(V1 = 1:10, V2 = rnorm(10), V3 = rnorm(10),
  #                     V4 = sample(1:20, 10, replace=T))
  #   dat2 = dat[-10,]
  #   row.extractor(dat, 4, "all")
  #   row.extractor(dat1, 4, "min")
  #   row.extractor(dat, "V4", "median")
  #   row.extractor(dat, 4, c(0, .5, 1))
  #   row.extractor(dat, "V4", c(0, .25, .5, .75, 1))
  #
  # "which.quantile" function by cbeleites:
  # http://stackoverflow.com/users/755257/cbeleites
  # See: http://stackoverflow.com/q/10256503/1270695

  if (is.numeric(extract.by)) {
    extract.by = extract.by
  } else if (is.numeric(extract.by) != 0) {
    extract.by = which(colnames(data) %in% "extract.by")
  }

  if (is.character(what)) {
    which.median = function(data, extract.by) {
      a = data[, extract.by]
      if (length(a) %% 2 != 0) {
        which(a == median(a))
      } else if (length(a) %% 2 == 0) {
        b = sort(a)[c(length(a)/2, length(a)/2+1)]
        c(max(which(a == b[1])), min(which(a == b[2])))
      }
    }
  }

  X1 = data[which(data[extract.by] == min(data[extract.by])), ] # min
  X2 = data[which(data[extract.by] == max(data[extract.by])), ] # max
  X3 = data[which.median(data, extract.by), ] # median
}
```

```

    if (identical(what, "min")) {
      X1
    } else if (identical(what, "max")) {
      X2
    } else if (identical(what, "median")) {
      X3
    } else if (identical(what, "all")) {
      rbind(X1, X3, X2)
    }
  } else if (is.numeric(what)) {
    which.quantile <- function (data, extract.by, what, na.rm = FALSE) {

      x = data[ , extract.by]

      if (! na.rm & any (is.na (x)))
        return (rep (NA_integer_, length (what)))

      o <- order (x)
      n <- sum (! is.na (x))
      o <- o [seq_len (n)]

      nppm <- n * what - 0.5
      j <- floor(nppm)
      h <- ifelse((nppm == j) & ((j%2L) == 0L), 0, 1)
      j <- j + h

      j [j == 0] <- 1
      o[j]
    }
    data[which.quantile(data, extract.by, what), ] # quantile
  }
}

```

Chapter 14

sample.size

```
sample.size = function(population, samp.size=NULL, c.lev=95,
                        c.int=NULL, what = "sample",
                        distribution=50) {
  # Returns a data.frame of sample sizes or confidence
  # intervals for different conditions provided by
  # the following arguments.
  #
  # populaton: Population size
  # samp.size: Sample size
  # c.lev: Confidence level
  # c.int: Confidence interval (+/-)
  # what: Whether sample size or confidence interval
  #       is being calculated.
  # distribution: Response distribution
  #
  # === EXAMPLES ===
  #
  # sample.size(300)
  # sample.size(300, 150, what="confidence")
  # sample.size(c(300, 400, 500), c.lev=97)

  z = qnorm(.5+c.lev/200)

  if (identical(what, "sample")) {
    if (is.null(c.int)) {
      c.int = 5

      message("NOTE! Confidence interval set to 5.
              To override, set c.int to desired value.\n")

    } else if (!is.null(c.int) == 1) {
      c.int = c.int
    }

    if (!is.null(samp.size)) {
      message("NOTE! ,samp.size, value provided but ignored.
              See output for actual sample size(s).\n")
    }

    ss = (z^2 * (distribution/100) *
          (1-(distribution/100)))/((c.int/100)^2)
    samp.size = ss/(1 + ((ss-1)/population))
  }
}
```

```

} else if (identical(what, "confidence")) {
  if (is.null(samp.size)) {
    stop("Missing ,samp.size, with no default value.")
  }
  if (!is.null(c.int)) {
    message("NOTE! ,c.int, value provided but ignored.
    See output for actual confidence interval value(s).\n")
  }

  ss = ((population*samp.size-samp.size)/(population-samp.size))
  c.int = round(sqrt((z^2 * (distribution/100) *
    (1-(distribution/100)))/ss)*100, digits = 2)

} else if (what %in% c("sample", "confidence") == 0) {
  stop(",what, must be either ,sample, or ,confidence,")
}

RES = data.frame(population = population,
  conf.level = c.lev,
  conf.int = c.int,
  distribution = distribution,
  sample.size = round(samp.size, digits = 0))
RES
}

```

Chapter 15

stringseed.sampling

```
stringseed.sampling <- function(seedbase, N, n, write.output = FALSE) {  
  # Designed for batch sampling scenarios using alpha-numeric strings  
  # as a „seedbase„. „N„ represents the "population", and „n„, the  
  # sample size needed. A vector is supplied for each argument (or,  
  # alternatively, a data.frame with the required information).  
  # Optionally, the function can write the output of the function  
  # to a file.  
  #  
  # === EXAMPLE ===  
  #  
  # stringseed.sampling(seedbase = c("Village 1", "Village 2", "Village 3"),  
  #                     N = c(150, 309, 297), n = c(15, 31, 30))  
  #  
  # See: http://stackoverflow.com/q/10910698/1270695  
  
  require(digest)  
  hexval = paste0("0x", sapply(seedbase, digest, "crc32"))  
  seeds = type.convert(hexval) %% .Machine$integer.max  
  seedbase = as.character(seedbase)  
  
  temp <- data.frame(seedbase, N, n, seeds)  
  if (length(seedbase) == 1) {  
    set.seed(temp$seeds)  
    sample.list <- sample(temp$N, temp$n)  
  } else {  
    sample.list <- setNames(  
      apply(temp[-1], 1,  
        function(x) {set.seed(x[3]); sample(x[1], x[2])} ),  
      temp[, 1])  
  }  
  
  rm(.Random.seed, envir=globalenv()) # This is important!  
  
  temp <- list(input = data.frame(seedbase = seedbase,  
                                populations = N,  
                                samplesizes = n,  
                                seeds = seeds),  
              samples = sample.list)  
  if(isTRUE(write.output)) {  
    write.csv(temp[[1]],  
      file=paste("Sample frame generated on",  
        Sys.Date(), ".csv", collapse=""))  
  }  
}
```



```
capture.output(temp[[2]],  
               file=paste("Samples generated on",  
                           Sys.Date(), ".txt", collapse=""))  
}  
temp  
}
```

Part III

Snippets and Tips

Chapter 16

Snippets

Load All Scripts and Data Files From Multiple Directories

```
load.scripts.and.data <- function(path,
                                   pattern=list(scripts = "*.R$",
                                                data = "*.rda$|*.Rdata$"),
                                   ignore.case=TRUE) {
  # Reads all the data files and scripts from specified directories.
  # In general, should only need to specify the directories.
  # Specify directories without trailing slashes.
  #
  # === EXAMPLE ===
  #
  # load.scripts.and.data(c("~/Dropbox/Public",
                             "~/Dropbox/Public/R Functions"))

  file.sources = list.files(path, pattern=pattern$scripts,
                           full.names=TRUE, ignore.case=ignore.case)
  data.sources = list.files(path, pattern=pattern$data,
                           full.names=TRUE, ignore.case=ignore.case)
  sapply(data.sources, load, .GlobalEnv)
  sapply(file.sources, source, .GlobalEnv)
}
```

Convert a List of Data Frames Into Individual Data Frames

```
unlist.dfs <- function(data) {
  # Specify the quoted name of the source list.
  q = get(data)
  prefix = paste0(data, "_", 1:length(q))
  for (i in 1:length(q)) assign(prefix[i], q[[i]], envir=.GlobalEnv)
}
```

Example

Note that the list name must be quoted.

```
# Sample data
temp = list(A = data.frame(A = 1:2, B = 3:4),
```

```

      B = data.frame(C = 5:6, D = 7:8))

temp

## $A
##   A B
## 1 1 3
## 2 2 4
##
## $B
##   C D
## 1 5 7
## 2 6 8

# Remove any files with similar names to output
rm(list=ls(pattern="temp_"))
# The following should not work
temp_1

## Error: object 'temp_1' not found

# Split it up!
unlist.dfs("temp")
# List files with the desired pattern
ls(pattern="temp_")

## [1] "temp_1" "temp_2"

# View the new files
temp_1

##   A B
## 1 1 3
## 2 2 4

temp_2

##   C D
## 1 5 7
## 2 6 8

```

Convert a Data Frame Into a List With Each Column Becoming a List Item

```

dfcols.list <- function(data, vectorize=FALSE) {
  # Specify the unquoted name of the data.frame to convert
  if (isTRUE(vectorize)) {
    dat.list = sapply(1:ncol(data), function(x) data[x])
  } else if (!isTRUE(vectorize)) {
    dat.list = lapply(names(data), function(x) data[x])
  }
  dat.list
}

```

Examples

```
# Sample data
dat = data.frame(A = c(1:2), B = c(3:4), C = c(5:6))
dat

##   A B C
## 1 1 3 5
## 2 2 4 6

# Split into a list, retaining data.frame structure
dfcols.list(dat)

## [[1]]
##   A
## 1 1
## 2 2
##
## [[2]]
##   B
## 1 3
## 2 4
##
## [[3]]
##   C
## 1 5
## 2 6

# Split into a list, converting to vector
dfcols.list(dat, vectorize=TRUE)

## $A
## [1] 1 2
##
## $B
## [1] 3 4
##
## $C
## [1] 5 6
```

Rename an Object in the Workplace

```
mv <- function (a, b) {
  # Source: https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-help/2008-March/156035.html
  anm = deparse(substitute(a))
  bnm = deparse(substitute(b))
  if (!exists(anm, where=1, inherits=FALSE))
    stop(paste(anm, "does not exist.\n"))
  if (exists(bnm, where=1, inherits=FALSE)) {
    ans = readline(paste("Overwrite ", bnm, "? (y/n) ", sep = " "))
    if (ans != "y")
      return(invisible())
  }
  assign(bnm, a, pos = 1)
  rm(list = anm, pos = 1)
  invisible()
}
```

Basic Usage

If there is already an object with the same name in the workplace, the function will ask you if you want to replace the object or not. Otherwise, the basic usage is:

```
# Rename "object_1" to "object_2"
mv(object_1, object_2)
```

Scrape Data From a Poorly Formatted HTML Page

Reformats a web page using HTML Tidy and uses the XML package to parse the resulting file. Can optionally save the reformatted page.

```
tidyHTML <- function(URL, saveTidy = TRUE) {
  require(XML)
  URL1 = gsub("/", "%2F", URL)
  URL1 = gsub(":", "%3A", URL1)
  URL1 = paste("http://services.w3.org/tidy/tidy?docAddr=", URL1, "&indent=on", sep = "")
  Parsed = htmlParse(URL1)
  if (isTRUE(saveTidy)) saveXML(Parsed, file = basename(URL))
  Parsed
}
```

Example

```
# Set "saveTidy" to "TRUE" to save the resulting tidied file
URL <- "http://www.bcn.gob.ni/estadisticas/trimestrales_y_mensuales/siec/datos/4.IMAE.htm"
temp <- tidyHTML(URL, saveTidy = FALSE)
```

“Rounding in Commerce”

R rounds to even—something that some people might not be accustomed to or comfortable with. For the more commonly known rounding rule, use this `round2` function.

```
round2 <- function(x, n = 0) {
  posneg = sign(x)
  z = abs(x)*10^n
  z = z + 0.5
  z = trunc(z)
  z = z/10^n
  z*posneg
}
```

Example

```
x = c(1.85, 1.54, 1.65, 1.85, 1.84)
round(x, 1)

## [1] 1.8 1.5 1.6 1.8 1.8

round2(x, 1)
```

```
## [1] 1.9 1.5 1.7 1.9 1.8

round(seq(0.5, 9.5, by=1))

## [1] 0 2 2 4 4 6 6 8 8 10

round2(seq(0.5, 9.5, by=1))

## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

References

Original function: <http://www.webcitation.org/68djeLBtJ> – see the comments section.
 See also: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/12688717/round-up-from-5-in-r/>.

cbind data.frames When the Number of Rows are Not Equal

`cbind()` does not work when trying to combine `data.frames` with differing numbers of rows. This function takes a list of `data.frames`, identifies how many extra rows are required to make `cbind` work correctly, and does the combining for you.

The function also works with nested lists by first “flattening” them using the `LinearizeNestedList` by [Akhil S Bhel](#). The first time you run the `CBIND()` function, it check your current environment to identify whether `LinearizeNestedList` is already available; if it is not, it will download and load the function from its [Gist page](#). Subsequent calls to the function in the same session will not re-download the function.

```
CBIND <- function(datalist) {
  if ("LinearizeNestedList" %in% ls(envir=.GlobalEnv) == FALSE) {
    require(devtools)
    suppressMessages(source_gist(4205477))
    message("LinearizeNestedList loaded from https://gist.github.com/4205477")
  }
  datalist <- LinearizeNestedList(datalist)
  nrows <- max(sapply(datalist, nrow))
  expandmyrows <- function(mydata, rowsneeded) {
    temp1 = names(mydata)
    rowsneeded = rowsneeded - nrow(mydata)
    temp2 = setNames(data.frame(
      matrix(rep(NA, length(temp1) * rowsneeded),
              ncol = length(temp1))), temp1)
    rbind(mydata, temp2)
  }
  do.call(cbind, lapply(datalist, expandmyrows, rowsneeded = nrows))
}
```

Examples

```
# Example data
df1 <- data.frame(A = 1:5, B = letters[1:5])
df2 <- data.frame(C = 1:3, D = letters[1:3])
df3 <- data.frame(E = 1:8, F = letters[1:8], G = LETTERS[1:8])
# Try to use cbind directly
cbind(df1, df2, df3)
```



```
## Error: arguments imply differing number of rows: 5, 3, 8
```

```
# Use our new function
```

```
CBIND(list(df1, df2, df3))
```

```
##   1.A 1.B 2.C 2.D 3.E 3.F 3.G
## 1   1   a   1   a   1   a   A
## 2   2   b   2   b   2   b   B
## 3   3   c   3   c   3   c   C
## 4   4   d  NA <NA> 4   d   D
## 5   5   e  NA <NA> 5   e   E
## 6  NA <NA> NA <NA> 6   f   F
## 7  NA <NA> NA <NA> 7   g   G
## 8  NA <NA> NA <NA> 8   h   H
```

```
test1 <- list(df1, df2, df3)
```

```
str(test1)
```

```
## List of 3
```

```
## $ : 'data.frame': 5 obs. of 2 variables:
```

```
## ..$ A: int [1:5] 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
## ..$ B: Factor w/ 5 levels "a","b","c","d",...: 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
## $ : 'data.frame': 3 obs. of 2 variables:
```

```
## ..$ C: int [1:3] 1 2 3
```

```
## ..$ D: Factor w/ 3 levels "a","b","c": 1 2 3
```

```
## $ : 'data.frame': 8 obs. of 3 variables:
```

```
## ..$ E: int [1:8] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
```

```
## ..$ F: Factor w/ 8 levels "a","b","c","d",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
```

```
## ..$ G: Factor w/ 8 levels "A","B","C","D",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
```

```
CBIND(test1)
```

```
##   1.A 1.B 2.C 2.D 3.E 3.F 3.G
## 1   1   a   1   a   1   a   A
## 2   2   b   2   b   2   b   B
## 3   3   c   3   c   3   c   C
## 4   4   d  NA <NA> 4   d   D
## 5   5   e  NA <NA> 5   e   E
## 6  NA <NA> NA <NA> 6   f   F
## 7  NA <NA> NA <NA> 7   g   G
## 8  NA <NA> NA <NA> 8   h   H
```

```
test2 <- list(test1, df1)
```

```
str(test2)
```

```
## List of 2
```

```
## $ :List of 3
```

```
## ..$ : 'data.frame': 5 obs. of 2 variables:
```

```
## .. ..$ A: int [1:5] 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
## .. ..$ B: Factor w/ 5 levels "a","b","c","d",...: 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
## ..$ : 'data.frame': 3 obs. of 2 variables:
```

```
## .. ..$ C: int [1:3] 1 2 3
```

```
## .. ..$ D: Factor w/ 3 levels "a","b","c": 1 2 3
```

```
## ..$ : 'data.frame': 8 obs. of 3 variables:
```

```
## .. ..$ E: int [1:8] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
```

```
## .. ..$ F: Factor w/ 8 levels "a","b","c","d",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
```

```
## ..$ G: Factor w/ 8 levels "A","B","C","D",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
## $ : 'data.frame': 5 obs. of 2 variables:
## ..$ A: int [1:5] 1 2 3 4 5
## ..$ B: Factor w/ 5 levels "a","b","c","d",...: 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
CBIND(test2)
```

```
## 1/1.A 1/1.B 1/2.C 1/2.D 1/3.E 1/3.F 1/3.G 2.A 2.B
## 1 1 a 1 a 1 a A 1 a
## 2 2 b 2 b 2 b B 2 b
## 3 3 c 3 c 3 c C 3 c
## 4 4 d NA <NA> 4 d D 4 d
## 5 5 e NA <NA> 5 e E 5 e
## 6 NA <NA> NA <NA> 6 f F NA <NA>
## 7 NA <NA> NA <NA> 7 g G NA <NA>
## 8 NA <NA> NA <NA> 8 h H NA <NA>
```

Generate Random Names Using an Online Random Name Generator

This function uses the random name generator from the [Random Name Generator](http://random-name-generator.info/) website¹. This is included here mostly for “fun”, and to show how we can use form input parameters from some websites in our R scripts.

Note: Since there is no concept of a *seed* at the website from which these names are drawn, you should expect to get different names each time the function is run. If you want more control, but similar functionality, use the `RandomNames()` function instead.

Arguments

- **number:** How many names do you want?
- **gender:** Specify whether you want "male" names, "female" names, or "both".
- **type:** Specify whether you want "common", "average", or "rare" names.

```
randomNamesOnline <- function(number = 100, gender = "both", type = "rare") {
  gender <- tolower(gender); type <- tolower(type)
  gender <- switch(gender, both = "&g=1", male = "&g=2", female = "&g=3",
    stop("gender" must be either "male", "female", or, "both",))
  type <- switch(type, rare = "&st=3", average = "&st=2", common = "&st=1",
    stop("type" must be either "rare", "average", or "common",))
  tempURL <- paste("http://random-name-generator.info/random/?n=",
    number, gender, type, sep = "", collapse = "")
  temp <- suppressWarnings(readLines(tempURL))
  temp <- gsub("\t|<li>|</ol>", "", temp[102:(102 + number - 1)])
  temp
}
```

¹See: <http://random-name-generator.info/>

Examples

```
randomNamesOnline(10)
```

```
## [1] "Janeen Puckett" "Maribel Whipple" "Valeri Cushman" "Luanna Beers"  
## [5] "Elisha Duval" "Odis Neeley" "Kristel Bottoms" "Barbie Muncy"  
## [9] "Shenika Maes" "Mirtha Woodruff"
```

```
randomNamesOnline(10, gender = "both", type = "common")
```

```
## [1] "Julie Rivera" "Timothy Johnson" "Lois Price" "Jessica Torres"  
## [5] "Mark Ross" "Andrea Martinez" "Bonnie Thompson" "Samuel Cook"  
## [9] "Patrick Jones" "Thomas Simmons"
```

```
randomNamesOnline(10, "male", "average")
```

```
## [1] "Miguel Meyer" "Raymond Griffith" "Morris Ellis"  
## [4] "Randolph Mitchell" "Justin Brewer" "Terrell Freeman"  
## [7] "Victor Dixon" "Daryl Blair" "Paul Mullins"  
## [10] "Pete Fitzgerald"
```

Chapter 17

Tips

Many of the following tips are useful for reducing repetitious tasks. They might seem silly or unnecessary with the small examples provided, but they can be *huge* time-savers when dealing with larger objects or larger sets of data.

Batch Convert Factor Variables to Character Variables

In the example data below, `author` and `title` are automatically converted to factor (unless you add the argument `stringsAsFactor = FALSE` when you are creating the data). What if you forgot and actually needed the variables to be in mode `as.character` instead?

Use `sapply` to identify which variables are currently factors and convert them to `as.character`.

```
dat = data.frame(title = c("title1", "title2", "title3"),
                 author = c("author1", "author2", "author3"),
                 customerID = c(1, 2, 1))

str(dat)

## 'data.frame':   3 obs. of  3 variables:
## $ title      : Factor w/ 3 levels "title1","title2",...: 1 2 3
## $ author     : Factor w/ 3 levels "author1","author2",...: 1 2 3
## $ customerID: num  1 2 1

# Left of the equal sign identifies and extracts the factor variables;
# right converts them from factor to character
dat[sapply(dat, is.factor)] = lapply(dat[sapply(dat, is.factor)],
                                     as.character)

str(dat)

## 'data.frame':   3 obs. of  3 variables:
## $ title      : chr  "title1" "title2" "title3"
## $ author     : chr  "author1" "author2" "author3"
## $ customerID: num  1 2 1
```

Using Reduce to Merge Multiple Data Frames at Once

The `merge` function in R only merges two objects at a time. This is usually fine, but what if you had several `data.frames` that needed to be merged?

Consider the following data, where we want to take monthly tables and merge them into an annual table:

```
set.seed(1)
JAN = data.frame(ID = sample(5, 3), JAN = sample(LETTERS, 3))
FEB = data.frame(ID = sample(5, 3), FEB = sample(LETTERS, 3))
MAR = data.frame(ID = sample(5, 3), MAR = sample(LETTERS, 3))
APR = data.frame(ID = sample(5, 3), APR = sample(LETTERS, 3))
```

If we wanted to merge these into a single `data.frame` using `merge`, we might end up creating several temporary objects and merging those, like this:

```
temp_1 = merge(JAN, FEB, all=TRUE)
temp_2 = merge(temp_1, MAR, all=TRUE)
temp_3 = merge(temp_2, APR, all=TRUE)
```

Or, we might nest a whole bunch of `merge` commands together, something like this:

```
merge(merge(merge(JAN, FEB, all=TRUE),
              MAR, all=TRUE),
      APR, all=TRUE)
```

However, that first option requires a lot of unnecessary typing and produces unnecessary objects that we then need to remember to remove, and the second option is not very reader-friendly—try doing a merge like that with, say, 12 `data.frames` if we had an entire year of data!

Use `Reduce` instead, simply specifying all the objects to be merged in a `list`:

```
Reduce(function(x, y) merge(x, y, all=TRUE),
       list(JAN, FEB, MAR, APR))
```

```
##   ID  JAN  FEB  MAR  APR
## 1  2    X    E    R    F
## 2  3 <NA>    F    X    D
## 3  4    V <NA>    M    Q
## 4  5    F    B <NA> <NA>
```

How Much Memory Are the Objects in Your Workspace Using?

Sometimes you need to just check and see how much memory the objects in your workspace occupy.

```
sort(sapply(ls(), function(x) {object.size(get(x))}))
```

Convert a Table to a Data Frame

Creating tables are easy and fast, but sometimes, it is more convenient to have the output as a `data.frame`. Get the `data.frame` by nesting the command in `as.data.frame.matrix`.

```
# A basic table
x <- with(airquality, table(cut(Temp, quantile(Temp)), Month))
str(x)

## 'table' int [1:4, 1:5] 24 5 1 0 3 15 7 5 0 2 ...
## - attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
## ..$      : chr [1:4] "(56,72]" "(72,79]" "(79,85]" "(85,97]"
## ..$ Month: chr [1:5] "5" "6" "7" "8" ...
```

x

```
##           Month
##           5  6  7  8  9
## (56,72] 24  3  0  1 10
## (72,79]  5 15  2  9 10
## (79,85]  1  7 19  7  5
## (85,97]  0  5 10 14  5
```

The same table as a data.frame

```
y <- as.data.frame.matrix(x)
str(y)
```

```
## 'data.frame':  4 obs. of  5 variables:
## $ 5: int  24 5 1 0
## $ 6: int  3 15 7 5
## $ 7: int  0 2 19 10
## $ 8: int  1 9 7 14
## $ 9: int 10 10 5 5
```

y

```
##           5  6  7  8  9
## (56,72] 24  3  0  1 10
## (72,79]  5 15  2  9 10
## (79,85]  1  7 19  7  5
## (85,97]  0  5 10 14  5
```