

TUT SHEET 3

Note: There can be multiple ways of doing same thing in data frames.

INTRODUCTION TO DATA FRAMES:

The **dplyr** package in R is designed to make data manipulation tasks simpler and more intuitive than working with base R functions only.

A data frame is an R object that stores tabular data in a table structure made up of rows and columns. While data frames can be created in R, they are usually imported with data from a CSV, an Excel spreadsheet, or a SQL query.

Data frames have rows and columns. Each column has a name and stores the values of one variable. Each row contains a set of values, one from each column. The data stored in a data frame can be of many different types: numeric, character, logical, or NA.

LOADING AND READING A CSV:

To read data from a csv file and display it on console use **read.csv('filename')**.

One can even write data from a dataframe to a csv using **write.csv(df,'filename')**. It takes two arguments: df, representing the dataframe object and the name of the csv file that will hold the dataframe.

INSPECTING DATAFRAMES:

For larger dataframes it is not feasible to display the entire data all at once.

The **head()** function returns the first 6 rows of a data frame. If you want to see more rows, you can pass an additional argument **n** to head(). For example, head(df,8) will show the first 8 rows. Similarly, **tail()** function returns last 6 rows of data frame. If you want to see more rows, you can pass an additional argument **n** to tail(). For example, head(df,8) will show the last 8 rows.

The function **summary()** will return summary statistics such as mean, median, minimum and maximum for each numeric column while providing class and length information for non-numeric columns.

PIPING:

The pipe operator, or **%>%**, helps increase the readability of data frame code by piping the value on its left into the first argument of the function that follows it.

Eg: df %>% head() is equivalent to head(df).

This operator is useful when there are multiple arguments for a function.

SELECTING COLUMNS:

Select the appropriate columns for your analysis using dplyr's **select()** function.

Select() takes a data frame as its first argument.

All additional arguments are the desired columns to select. It returns a new dataframe containing only the desired columns.

Eg: `customers%>%select(age,gender)` will select the columns age and gender from the dataframe customers.

FILTERING ROWS WITH LOGIC:

We can further manipulate a dataframe using **filter()** function and comparison operators.

MORE ON DATA FRAMES:

- To add more rows permanently to an existing dataframe, we need to bring in the new rows in the same structure as the existing data frame and use the `rbind()` function.
- To add more columns permanently to an existing dataframe, we need to bring in the new columns in the same structure as the existing data frame and use the `cbind()` function.
- You can change and access column and row names with **colnames()** and **rownames()** respectively.

Example: `colnames(dataframe_name)` gives names of all columns.

`colnames(dataframe_name)[2]` gives name of 2nd column.

`colnames(dataframe_name)->c("good","better")` sets names of column.

Same goes for `rownames()`.

- `dim(dataframe_name)` returns no. of rows and columns of dataframe.
- Example of rows and column access:
Print out the values located on the first and second row, third column
`dataframe_name[1:2,3]`

Print out the values located in the third column
`dataframe_name[,3]`

Print out the values located in the third row
`dataframe_name[3,]`

- Install packages :
`install.packages("<package_name>")`
- To access the stored data, write data frame object name ("df") with \$ sign and name of the variable. That is,
 - `>df$V`
 - `> df$V2`
 - `>df["V1"]`
 - `> df[, 1]`
- To access the data file which is not stored in the working directory, provide complete path of the file, such as
`> read.csv("d:/Rdata/data.csv")`
- Remove Duplicate Rows based on all the variables (Complete Row)

The **distinct function** is used to eliminate duplicates i.e if two rows are exactly same

one of them is removed.

`x1 = distinct(dataframe_name)`

- `rename()` : rename a variable name.
`rename(dataframe_name, new_name=old_name)`

EXERCISES

- If we have a data.frame `df <- data.frame(a = c(1, 2, 3), b = c(4, 5, 6), c(7, 8, 9))...`
 1. What is `df[[1]]`? (Test and find out)
 2. How do we select the `c(4, 5, 6)`?
 3. How do we select the 1?
 4. How do we select the 5?
 5. What is `df[, 3]`?
 6. What is `df[1,]`?
 7. What is `df[2, 2]`?