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#user defined function
> summaryfunction<-function(x){
+   summary(x)
+ }
> apply(mtcars, 2,summaryfunction)
      mpg      cyl      disp      hp      drat      wt      qsec      vs      am      gear
Min.   10.40000  4.0000   71.1000  52.0000  2.760000  1.51300  14.50000  0.0000  0.00000  3.0000
1st Qu. 15.42500  4.0000  120.8250  96.5000  3.080000  2.58125  16.89250  0.0000  0.00000  3.0000
Median 19.20000  6.0000  196.3000 123.0000  3.695000  3.32500  17.71000  0.0000  0.00000  4.0000
Mean   20.09062  6.1875  230.7219 146.6875  3.596563  3.21725  17.84875  0.4375  0.40625  3.6875
3rd Qu. 22.80000  8.0000  326.0000 180.0000  3.920000  3.61000  18.90000  1.0000  1.00000  4.0000
Max.   33.90000  8.0000  472.0000 335.0000  4.930000  5.42400  22.90000  1.0000  1.00000  5.0000
      carb
Min.   1.0000
1st Qu. 2.0000
Median 2.0000
Mean   2.8125
3rd Qu. 4.0000
Max.   8.0000
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> #extracting names of the mtcars dataset.
> colnames(mtcars)
[1] "mpg" "cyl" "disp" "hp" "drat" "wt" "qsec" "vs" "am" "gear" "carb"
> rownames(mtcars)
[1] "Mazda RX4" "Mazda RX4 Wag" "Datsun 710"
[4] "Hornet 4 Drive" "Hornet Sportabout" "Valiant"
[7] "Duster 360" "Merc 240D" "Merc 230"
[10] "Merc 280" "Merc 280C" "Merc 450SE"
[13] "Merc 450SL" "Merc 450SLC" "Cadillac Fleetwood"
[16] "Lincoln Continental" "Chrysler Imperial" "Fiat 128"
[19] "Honda Civic" "Toyota Corolla" "Toyota Corona"
[22] "Dodge Challenger" "AMC Javelin" "Camaro Z28"
[25] "Pontiac Firebird" "Fiat X1-9" "Porsche 914-2"
[28] "Lotus Europa" "Ford Pantera L" "Ferrari Dino"
[31] "Maserati Bora" "Volvo 142E"

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