# Functions

## Warmup activity

Work on the activity (handout) with a neighbor, then we will discuss as a class

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What does this code do?

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The diamonds dataset has 53940 rows and 10 columns. What will be the dimensions of the diamonds\_new dataset?

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#### **Functions**

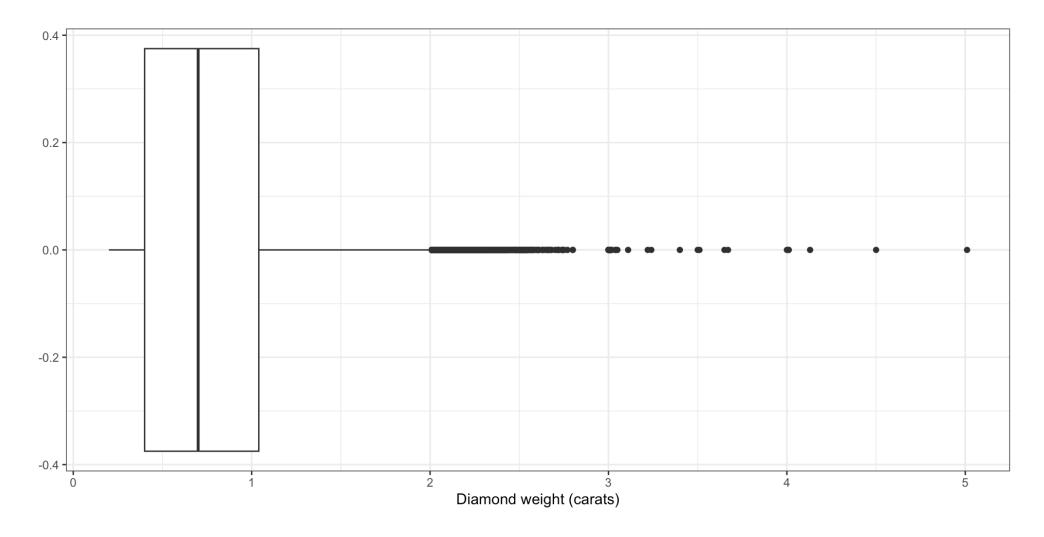
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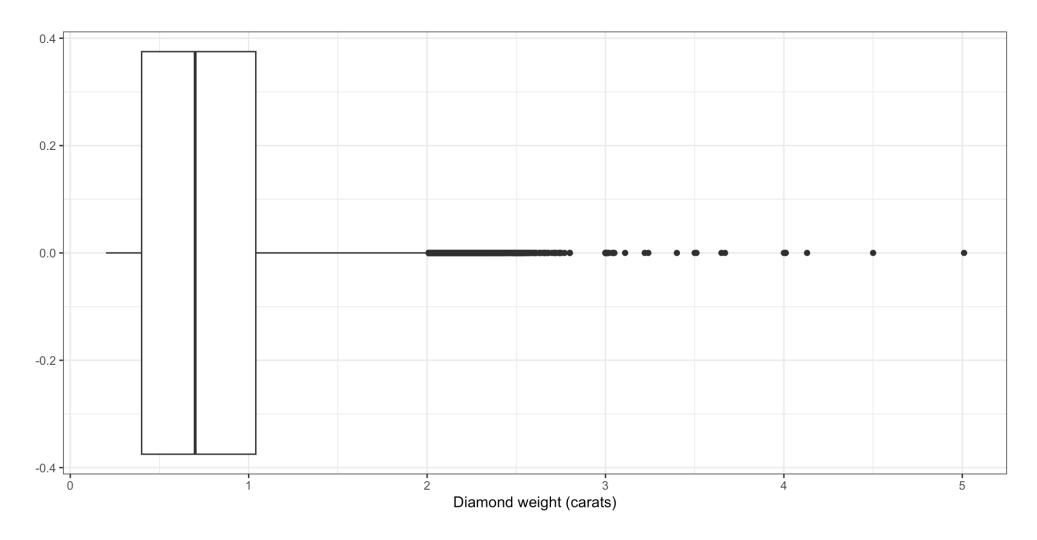
R for Data Science calls the z\_score function a "mutate" function. Why?

#### Another challenge



What are the individual points on the right of the boxplot?

#### Another challenge: identifying outliers



How do we identify outliers when constructing a boxplot?

We wish to write a function that we can use to identify outliers in numeric variables.

What should we name the function?

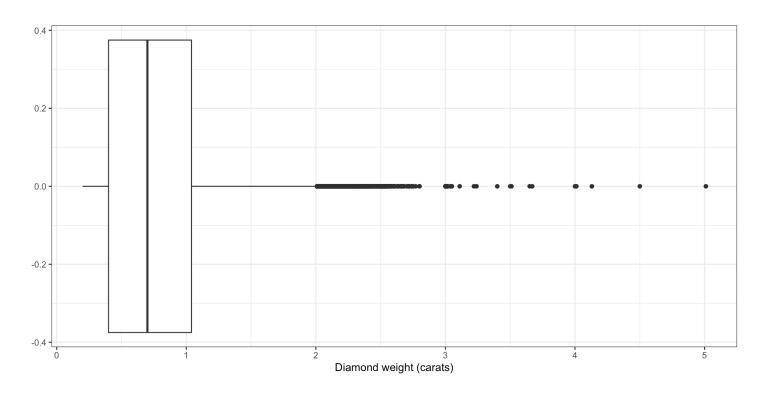
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What should the input to the function be?

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2
3 }</pre>
```

What needs to happen inside the function?

(Switch to R Studio)



```
1 diamonds |>
2  mutate(carat_outliers = find_outliers(carat)) |>
3  filter(carat_outliers) |>
4  pull(carat) |>
5  head()
```

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1 find_outliers <- function(x) {
2   q1 <- quantile(x, 0.25)
3   q3 <- quantile(x, 0.75)
4   iqr <- q3 - q1
5   (x > q3 + 1.5*iqr) | (x < q1 - 1.5*iqr)
6 }</pre>
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What if we want to *count* the number of outliers?

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7
8 count_outliers <- function(x) {
9    sum(find_outliers(x))
10 }</pre>
```

R for Data Science would call the count\_outliers function a "summarize" function. Why?

What if I want to count outliers for multiple variables?

#### Class activity

https://sta279-f25.github.io/class\_activities/ca\_09.html

- Work with a neighbor on the class activity
- At the end of class, submit your work as an HTML file on Canvas (one per group, list all your names)

#### For next time, read:

• Chapter 25.3 in *R for Data Science*