

# STA130 - Class #3: How R You?

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# Today's Class

- RStudio user interface
- R Objects
- R Functions
- R Scripts
- R Packages
- R Lists
- R Notation
- R Missing Data
- dplyr

# Announcements

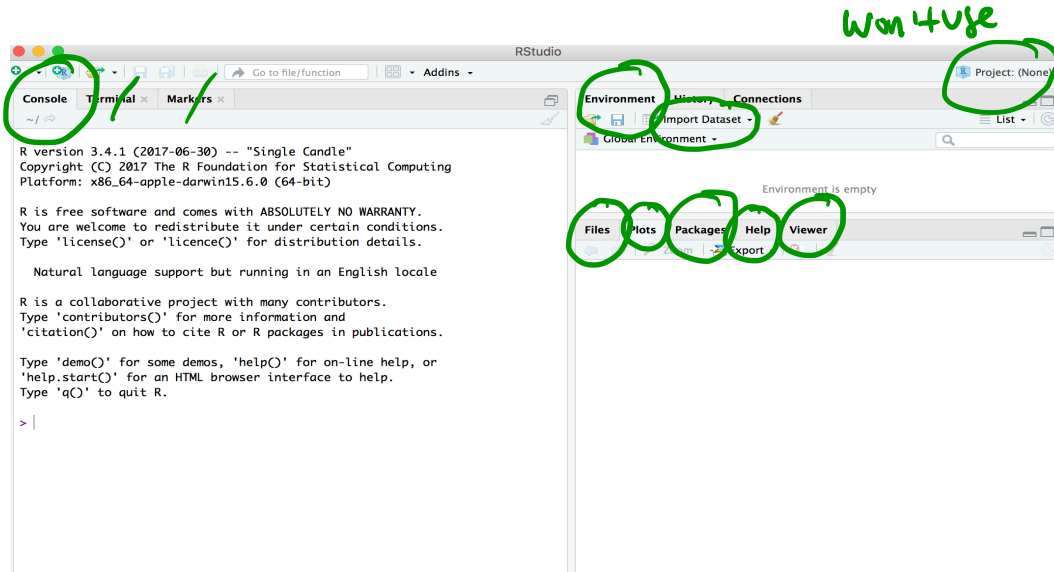
- Tutorial grades will be assigned according to the following marking scheme.

	Mark
Attendance for the entire tutorial	1
Assigned homework completion <sup>a</sup>	1
In-class exercises	4
Total	6

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- You will learn about the mentorship program in this week's tutorial (3% of final grade).

# RStudio User Interface



# R Objects

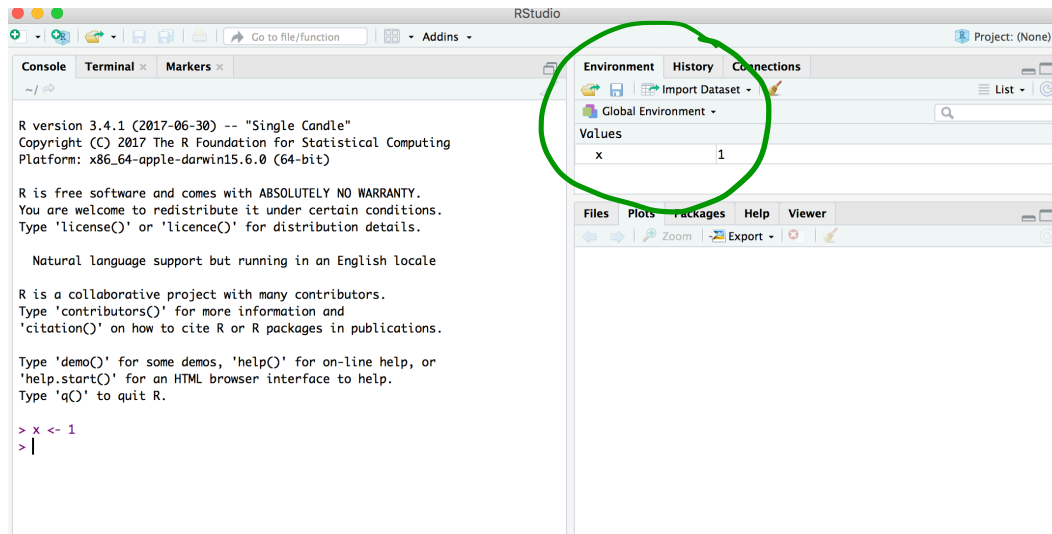
- R lets you save data by storing it inside an R object.
- What's an object? Just a name that you can use to call up stored data.

```
x <- 1  
x
```

```
## [1] 1
```

# Environment Pane in RStudio

- When you create an object, the object will appear in the environment pane of RStudio.



# Functions

- R comes with many functions that you can use to do sophisticated tasks like random sampling.
- For example, you can round a number with the round function `round()`, or calculate its absolute value with `abs()`.
- Write the name of the function and then the data you want the function to operate on in parentheses:

```
round(-2.718282, 2)
```

```
## [1] -2.72
```

```
abs(-5)
```

```
## [1] 5
```

```
abs(round(-2.718282, 2))
```

```
## [1] 2.72
```

$abs(x)$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & x \geq 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Rounds the number then takes the result and calculates absolute value.

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

# Function Constructor

- Every function in R has three basic parts: a name, a body of code, and a set of arguments.
- To make your own function, you need to replicate these parts and store them in an R object, which you can do with the function function.
- To do this, call `function()` and follow it with a pair of braces, `{}`: `my_function <- function() {}`

```
my_function <- function ( ) {  
  x <- 1  
  x  
}
```

```
my_function ( )
```



# Function Constructor

- We can simulate rolling a pair of dice and adding the result with the code:

```
die <- 1:6  
dice <- sample(die, size = 2, replace = TRUE)  
sum(dice)  
  
## [1] 9
```

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

die ← c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

What is range?

2, 12

1, 1      6, 6

Sample function. takes a sample of size = 2 and returns two values.

Draw #	Value
--------	-------

1	6
---	---

2	
---	--

6 is still possible ∵ replace = True.

If replace = False then only 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are possible

# Function Constructor

my\_function ← function ( ) {  
Code  
}

- We can create our own function with

```
roll <- function() {  
  die <- 1:6  
  dice <- sample(die, size = 2, replace = TRUE)  
  sum(dice)  
}
```

Call the function roll()

```
roll() # call the function. NB: result will differ with every call
```

```
## [1] 4
```

# Function Arguments

Instead of rolling one die consider rolling four or ten dice then adding the results of all the rolls together.

```
roll2 <- function(numrolls) { # numrolls is the argument of the function roll2  
  die <- 1:6  
  dice <- sample(die, size = numrolls, replace = TRUE) # the size of the sample  
  sum(dice) # add up the roll results  
}
```

`numrolls` is called an *argument* of the function `roll2()`.

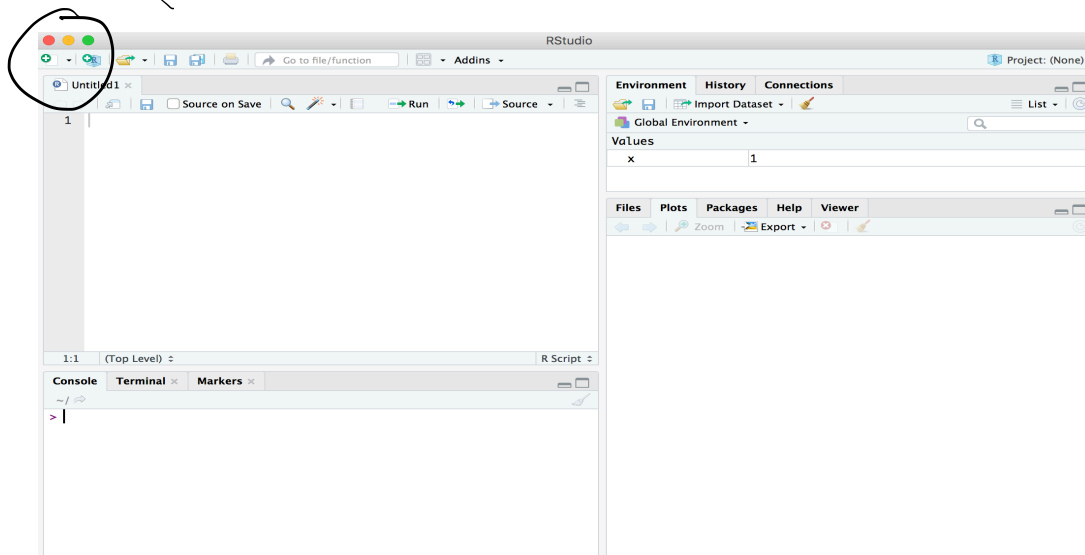
Let's simulate rolling ten dice and adding the results together.

```
roll2(10)
```

```
## [1] 40
```

# Scripts

- If we want to edit the function `roll2()` then we will want to save it in a script.
- To do this in RStudio File > New File > R script in the menu bar.

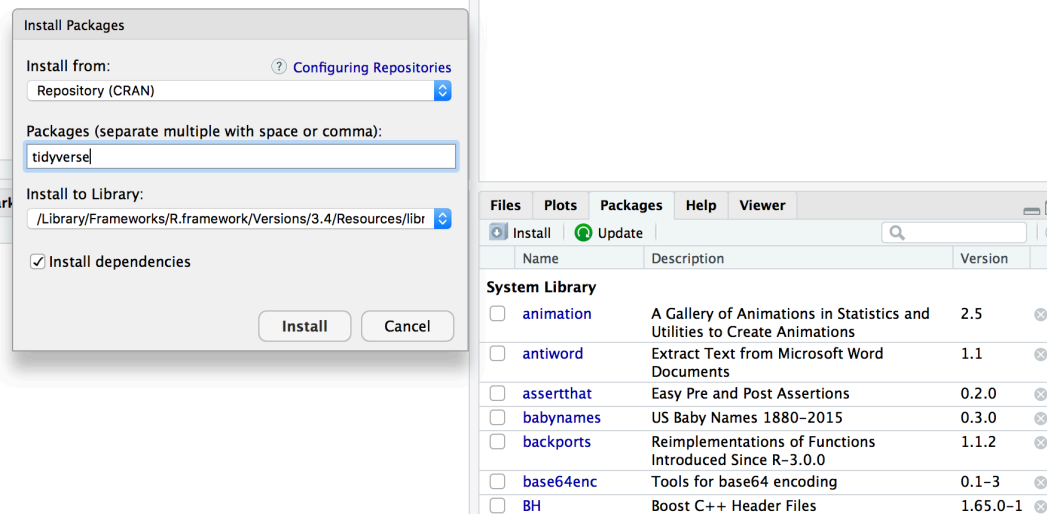


# Packages

- You're not the only person writing your own functions with R.
- Many professors, programmers, and statisticians use R to design tools that can help people analyze data.
- They then make these tools free for anyone to use.
- To use these tools, you just have to download them. They come as preassembled collections of functions and objects called packages.
- We have already used two packages `ggplot2` and `dplyr`.

# Packages

To install the package `tidyverse` in RStudio go to the Packages tab in RStudio and click Install.

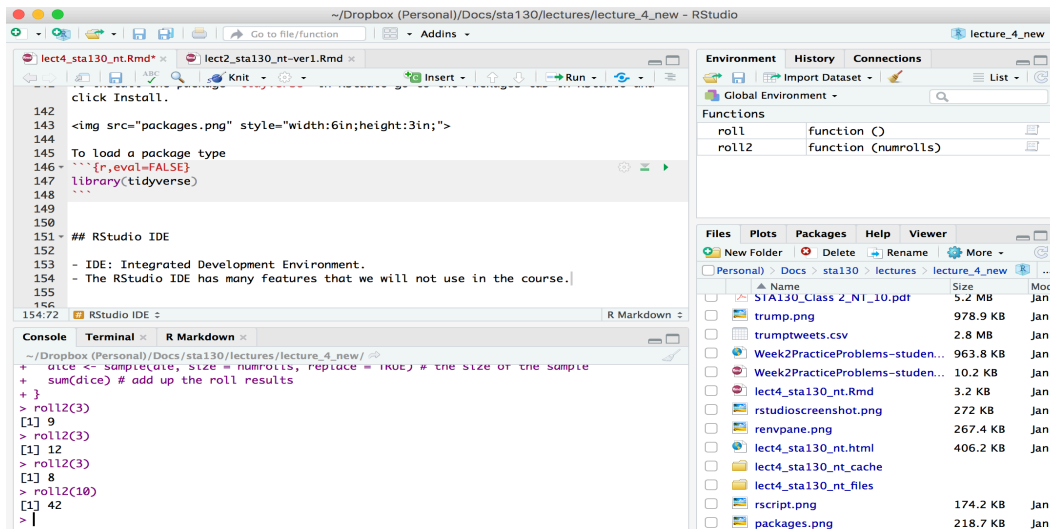


To load a package type

```
library(tidyverse)
```

# RStudio IDE

- IDE: Integrated Development Environment.
- The RStudio IDE has many features that we will not use in the course.



- The **console** is where you can type an R command at the prompt and the result is returned.
- Write code in an R script, R Markdown document, or R Notebook.
- Run a script or R chunks from an R Markdown or R Notebook by pushing the run button in the chunk.

# R Objects

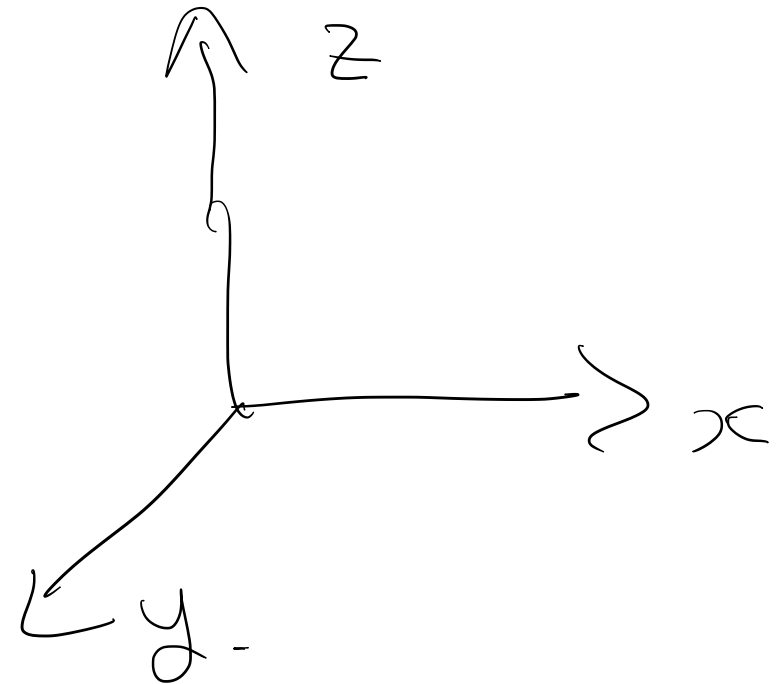
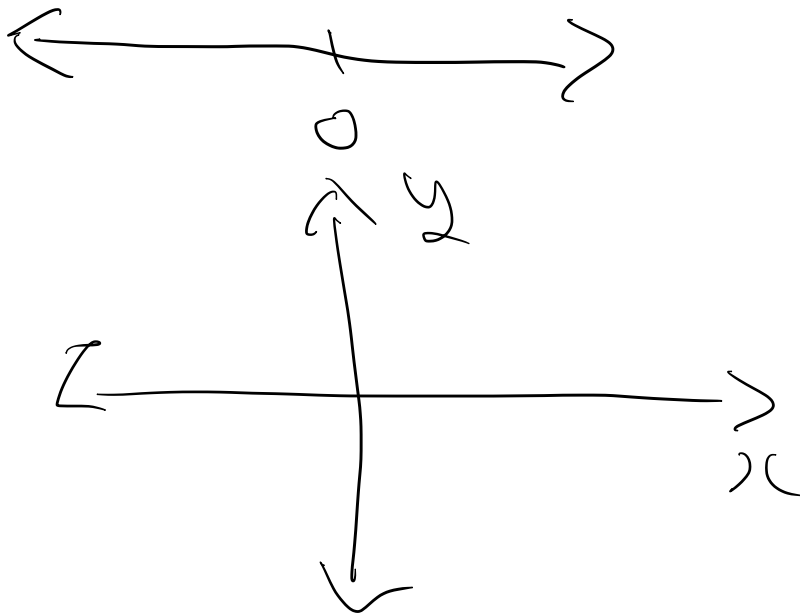
- R stores data in objects such as vectors, arrays, and matrices.
- In most applications we will usually load data from an external file.

$\dim = 3$   $(x, y, z)$

$(1, 2, 1)$

$\dim = 2$   $(x, y)$

$\dim = 1$   $x$





# R Objects - Atomic Vectors

You can make an atomic vector by grouping some values of data together with c:

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```
die<-c(1,2,3,4,5,6)
```

```
die
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6
```

```
is.vector(die)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```



```
length(die)
```



```
## [1] 6
```

# R Objects - Atomic Vectors

You can also make an atomic vector with just one value. R saves single values as an atomic vector of length 1:

```
two <- 2  
two
```

```
## [1] 2
```

# R Objects - Atomic Vectors: Integer and Character

- Each atomic vector can only store one type of data. You can save different types of data in R by using different types of atomic vectors.
- R recognizes six basic types of atomic vectors: doubles, integers, characters, logicals, complex, and raw.
- We will not be using complex or raw types in STA130.
- Integer vectors included a capital L with input, and character vectors have input surrounded by quotation marks.

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

1L

TRUE  
FALSE

letters and  
other  
Characters

# R Objects - Atomic Vectors: Integer and Character

```
mynums <- c(2L, 3L)
courses <- "STA130"
courses <- c("STA130", "MAT137")
sum(mynums)
```

```
## [1] 5
```



```
sum(courses)
```

*makes sense.*

```
## Error in sum(courses): invalid 'type' (character) of argument
```

```
sum(courses == "STA130")
```

```
## [1] 1
```

# R Objects - Double Vectors

- A double vector stores real numbers. Doubles are often called numerics.

```
die <- c(1,2,3,4,5,6)  
typeof(die)
```

```
## [1] "double"
```

# R Objects - Logical Vectors

- Logical vectors store TRUES and FALSEs, R's form of Boolean data. Logicals are very helpful for doing things like comparisons:

```
3 > 4
```

4 > 3

```
## [1] FALSE
```

TRUE

- TRUE or FALSE in capital letters (without quotation marks) will be treated as logical data. R also assumes that T and F are shorthand for TRUE and FALSE.

```
logic <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)  
logic
```

```
## [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE
```

# R Objects - Atomic Vectors: `dim()`

You can transform an atomic vector into an n-dimensional array by giving it a dimensions attribute with `dim`.

```
die <- c(1,2,3,4,5,6) ✓  
dim(die) <- c(2,3) # a 2x3 matrix  
die
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]  
## [1,]    1    3    5  
## [2,]    2    4    6
```

2 rows

3 cols.

```
die <- c(1,2,3,4,5,6)  
dim(die) <- c(3,2) # a 3x2 matrix  
die
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]  
## [1,]    1    4  
## [2,]    2    5  
## [3,]    3    6
```

3 rows  
2 cols.

→ notice the notation!!

Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$a_{ij}$  is the value in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column and  $j^{\text{th}}$  row.

R always fills up each matrix by columns, instead of by rows unless you use `matrix()` or `array()`.

# Factors

- Factors are R's way of storing categorical information, like ethnicity or eye color.
- A factor as something like sex since it can only have certain values.
- Factors very useful for recording the treatment levels of a categorical variable.

```
sex <- factor(c("male", "female", "female", "male"))  
typeof(sex)
```

```
## [1] "integer"
```

```
unclass(sex) # shows how R is storing the factor vector
```

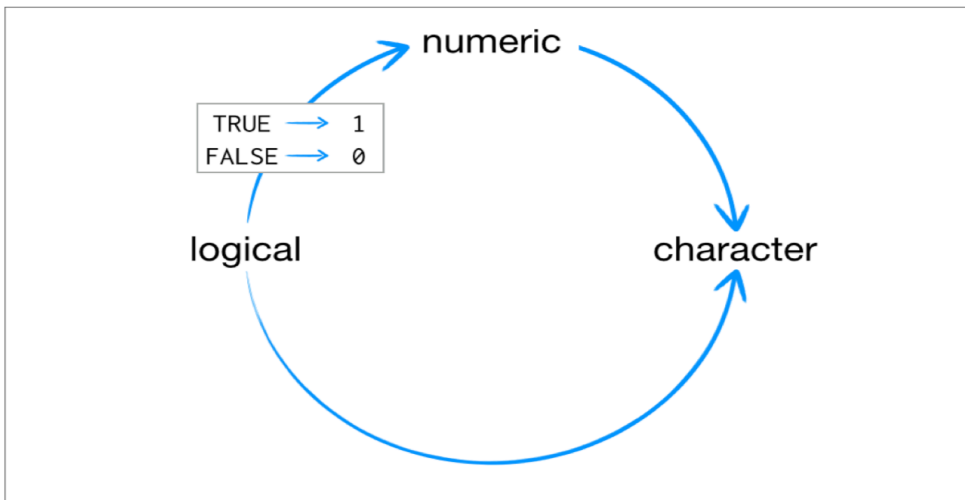
```
## [1] 2 1 1 2  
## attr(,"levels")  
## [1] "female" "male"
```

Sex =  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2, \text{ if sex} = \text{"male"} \\ 1, \text{ if sex} = \text{"female"} \end{array} \right.$



# Coercion

R always follows the same rules when it coerces data types. Once you are familiar with these rules, you can use R's coercion behavior to do surprisingly useful things.



1 → "1"

For example `sum(c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE))` will become `sum(c(1, 1, 0, 0))`.

```
(  
  sum(c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE))  
)  
## [1] 2
```

# Lists

- Lists are like atomic vectors because they group data into a one-dimensional set.
- Lists do not group together individual values.
- Lists group together R objects, such as atomic vectors and other lists.
- For example, you can make a list that contains a numeric vector of length 31 in its first element, a character vector of length 1 in its second element, and a new list of length 2 in its third element.

```
list1 <- list(1:31, "Prof. Taback", list(TRUE, FALSE))  
list1
```

```
## [[1]]  
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23  
## [24] 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31  
##  
## [[2]]  
## [1] "Prof. Taback"  
##  
## [[3]]  
## [[3]][[1]]  
## [1] TRUE  
##  
## [[3]][[2]]  
## [1] FALSE
```

↑ ↑ ↑  
place in list

list + 1 [[1]]  
1 2 3 ... 31  
first element of third part of list.

place within the element of list.

# Data Frames

- Data frames are the two-dimensional version of a list.
- They are the most useful storage structure for data analysis
- A data frame is R's equivalent to the Excel spreadsheet because it stores data in a similar format.

# Data Frames

- Data frames group vectors together into a two-dimensional table.
- Each vector becomes a column in the table.
- As a result, each column of a data frame can contain a different type of data; but within a column, every cell must be the same type of data.

data frame	1	"R"	TRUE
	2	"S"	FALSE
	3	"T"	TRUE
	numeric	character	logical

# Data Frames

```
student_num <- c(1, 2, 3, 4)
name <- c("Nadia", "Shiyi", "Yizhe", "Wei")
mydat <- data.frame(obsnum = student_num, student_name = name)
mydat
```

↑ rename the variable `student_num`  
to `obsnum`

```
##   obsnum student_name
## 1     1         Nadia
## 2     2         Shiyi
## 3     3         Yizhe
## 4     4          Wei
```

- Creating a data frame by hand takes a lot of typing, but you can do it with the `data.frame()` function.
- Give `data.frame()` any number of vectors, each separated with a comma.
- Each vector should be set equal to a name that describes the vector.
- `data.frame()` will turn each vector into a column of the new data frame.

# Data Frames

You can view a data frame in RStudio by clicking on the data frame name in the Environment tab

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. The Environment tab on the right displays the data frame 'mydat' with 4 observations and 2 variables. The Viewer tab shows the data frame's contents as a table with columns 'obsnum' and 'student\_name'.

obsnum	student_name
1	Nadia
2	Shiyi
3	Yizhe
4	Wei

```
~/Dropbox (Personal)/Docs/sta130/lectures/lecture_4_new/
> view(mydat)
> student_num <- c(1, 2, 3, 4)
> name <- c("Nadia", "Shiyi", "Yizhe", "Wei")
> mydat <- data.frame(student_num, name)
> mydat
> View(mydat)
> student_num <- c(1, 2, 3, 4)
> name <- c("Nadia", "Shiyi", "Yizhe", "Wei")
> mydat <- data.frame(obsnum = student_num, student_name = name)
> mydat
> View(mydat)
> |
```

# R Notation - [ , ]

- To extract a value or set of values from a data frame, write the data frame's name followed by a pair of square brackets with a comma [ , ].

```
mydat[ , ]
```

# R Notation - [, ]

[i,j]

mydat

```
## obsnum student_name
## 1      1      [Nadia] mydat[1,2]
## 2      2      [Shiyi]
## 3      3      [Yizhe]
## 4      4      [Wei]
```

Row number = 1 and Col number = 2

```
mydat[1,2] # the value in row 1 and column 2
```

this is a vector.

```
## [1] Nadia
## Levels: Nadia Shiyi Wei Yizhe
```

this is a vector

```
mydat[c(1,2),2] # all values in rows 1 and 2 in second column
```

```
## [1] Nadia Shiyi
## Levels: Nadia Shiyi Wei Yizhe
```



# R Notation - \$

The \$ tells R to return all of the values in a column as a vector.

`mydat$student_name` — returns Col. of Student names  
as a vector.

```
## [1] Nadia Shiyi Yizhe Wei  
## Levels: Nadia Shiyi Wei Yizhe
```


```
vec <- mydat$student_name # assign it to vec  
attributes(vec) # info associated with object vec
```

```
## $levels  
## [1] "Nadia" "Shiyi" "Wei" "Yizhe"  
##  
## $class  
## [1] "factor"
```

```
vec[2] # get second element of vector
```

```
## [1] Shiyi  
## Levels: Nadia Shiyi Wei Yizhe
```

# R Notation - combine [,] and \$

 first row = 1.

```
mydat[mydat$obsnum == 1,] # first row of data frame and all columns
```

```
## obsnum student_name  
## 1      1      Nadia
```

all cols.

no col. is specified  
So all cols. returned.

```
mydat[mydat$obsnum == 1 | mydat$obsnum == 4,] # first and fourth rows of data frame and all columns
```

```
## obsnum student_name  
## 1      1      Nadia  
## 4      4      Wei
```

or operator.



# Missing Data - **NA**

- Missing information problems happen frequently in data science.
- For example a value is missing because the measurement was lost, corrupted, or never recorded.
- The **NA** character is a special symbol in R. It stands for “not available” and can be used as a placeholder for missing information.

```
1 + NA
```

```
## [1] NA
```

# Missing Data - `na.rm()`

- Suppose you collected the ages of five students, but you forgot to record the fifth student's age.

```
age <- c(19, 20, 17, 20, NA)
mean(age) # mean will be NA
```

```
## [1] NA
```

```
age <- c(19, 20, 17, 20, NA)
mean(age, na.rm = TRUE) # R will ignore missing values
```

```
## [1] 19
```

↖ this is an option in the mean function removes missing values then calculates the mean.

# Identify and Set Missing Data - `is.na()`

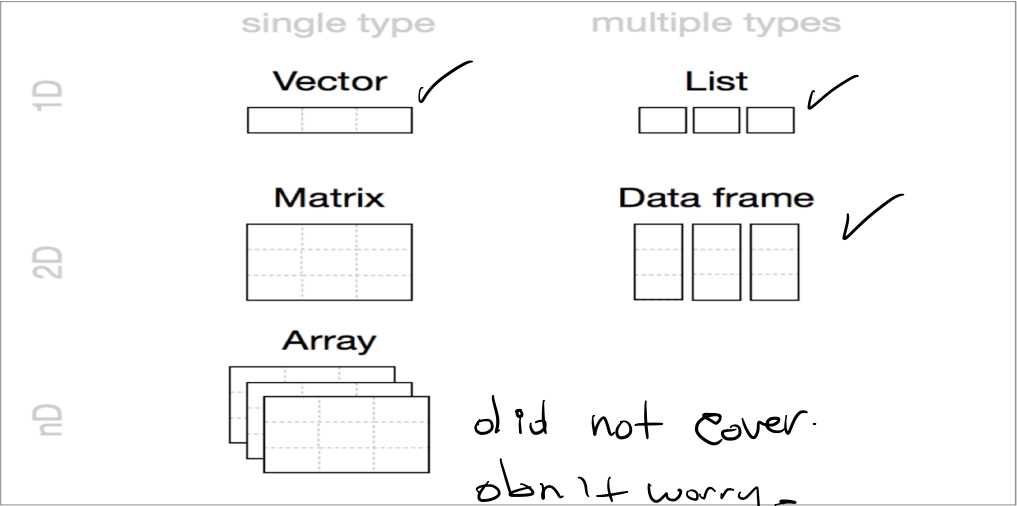
```
age <- c(19, 20, 17, 20, NA)
is.na(age) # check which elements of age are missing
```

```
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE
```

```
age[1] <- NA # set the first element of age to NA
age
```

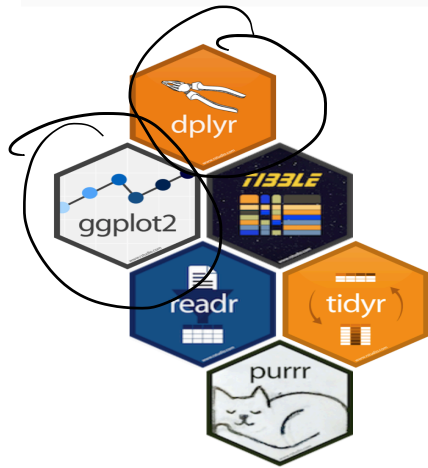
```
## [1] NA 20 17 20 NA
```

# Summary of R Data Structures



# Tidyverse

Tidyverse



## R packages for data science

The tidyverse is an opinionated **collection of R packages** designed for data science. All packages share an underlying philosophy and common APIs.

Install the complete tidyverse with:

```
install.packages("tidyverse")
```

<https://www.tidyverse.org>

# Canadian Flu Rates with **dplyr**

The provincial rates for the week ending January 6, 2018 are in the file `fludat_prov.csv` and the the size of the population in each province is in the file `popdat.csv`. The code below reads the files into R data frames.

```
library(tidyverse)
fludat_prov <- read_csv("fludat_prov.csv") # import data from file
popdat <- read_csv("popdat.csv") # import data from file
```



# Canadian Flu Rates with **dplyr**

— this function is in the dplyr lib

```
head(fludat_prov) # head shows the first six rows of a data frame
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
```

```
##   prov          testpop_size fluA
##   <chr>          <int> <int>
## 1 Newfoundland          96     12
## 2 Prince Edward Island    64     11
## 3 Nova Scotia           144     23
## 4 New Brunswick          347     80
## 5 Province of Québec    6361   1190
## 6 Province of Ontario    2320    344
```

— # of people tested for flu.  
— # of people that tested + for flu.  
rate in Newfoundland  
12/96

```
head(popdat)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
```

```
##   prov          prov_pop_size region
##   <chr>          <int> <chr>
## 1 Nunavut          35944 Territories
## 2 Alberta          4067175 <NA>
## 3 Saskatchewan    1098352 West
## 4 Yukon             35874 Territories
## 5 Manitoba         1278365 West
## 6 British Columbia 4648055 West
```

— Size of population in Prov.  
— Region name.

# Canadian Flu Rates with **dplyr**

How many Provinces/Territories are in the `fludat_prov` data frame?

```
fludat_prov %>% summarise(numprov = n()) # n() counts the number of rows in the data frame
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##   numprov
##   <int>
## 1      13
```

13 rows  
in data frame.

Summarise ( fludat\_prov, numprov = n() )

this is  
a function  
that  
counts  
# of rows  
in data frame.

# Canadian Flu Rates with **dplyr**

Do any variables in fludat or popdat have missing values?

```
fludat_prov %>% filter(is.na(prov) == TRUE | is.na(testpop_size) == TRUE | is.na(fluA) == TRUE)
```

```
## # A tibble: 0 x 3  
## # ... with 3 variables: prov <chr>, testpop_size <int>, fluA <int>
```

*no missing values*  
*try doing this using [, ], \$ notation!*

```
popdat %>% filter(is.na(prov) == TRUE | is.na(prov_pop_size) == TRUE | is.na(region) == TRUE)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 3  
##   prov      prov_pop_size region  
##   <chr>          <int> <chr>  
## 1 Alberta      4067175 <NA>  
## 2 Quebec       8164361 <NA>
```

*two prov. have  
missing values.*

# Canadian Flu Rates with **dplyr**

Recode specific values using R data frame notation [,] and \$.

```
popdat$region[popdat$prov == "Alberta"] <- "West" #recode only the region value for Alberta
popdat$region[popdat$prov == "Quebec"] <- "East" #recode only the region value for Alberta
popdat$region #print region variable in popdat data
```

```
## [1] "Territories" "West" "West" "Territories" "West"
## [6] "West" "East" "East" "Atlantic" "Atlantic"
## [11] "Territories" "Atlantic" "Atlantic"
```

# Canadian Flu Rates with `dplyr` - Joining Two Tables with `inner_join()`

We can join two data frames with `inner_join(x,y)`: return all rows from x where there are matching values in y, and all columns from x and y. If there are multiple matches between x and y, all combination of the matches are returned.

```
fludat_prov %>% inner_join(popdat, by = "prov")
```

```
## # A tibble: 9 x 5
##   prov          testpop_size fluA prov_pop_size region
##   <chr>          <int> <int>      <int> <chr>
## 1 Newfoundland      96    12    519716 Atlantic
## 2 Prince Edward Island  64    11    142907 Atlantic
## 3 Nova Scotia      144    23    923598 Atlantic
## 4 New Brunswick    347    80    747101 Atlantic
## 5 Manitoba         849   186   1278365 West
## 6 British Columbia 1078   198   4648055 West
## 7 Yukon            15     1     35874 Territories
## 8 Northwest Territories 28    10     41786 Territories
## 9 Nunavut          18     1     35944 Territories
```

*Handwritten note: "Only 9" with an arrow pointing to the "9 x 5" in the tibble output.*

Why are there only 9 observations when there are 13 Provinces/Territories?

# Canadian Flu Rates with `dplyr` - Joining Two Tables with `inner_join()`

```
fludat_prov$prov
```

```
## [1] "Newfoundland"           "Prince Edward Island"  
## [3] "Nova Scotia"           "New Brunswick"  
## [5] "Province of Québec"    "Province of Ontario"  
## [7] "Manitoba"              "Province of Saskatchewan"  
## [9] "Province of Alberta"   "British Columbia"  
## [11] "Yukon"                 "Northwest Territories"  
## [13] "Nunavut"
```

```
popdat$prov
```

```
## [1] "Nunavut"                "Alberta"  
## [3] "Saskatchewan"          "Yukon"  
## [5] "Manitoba"              "British Columbia"  
## [7] "Ontario"               "Quebec"  
## [9] "Prince Edward Island"  "Newfoundland"  
## [11] "Northwest Territories" "Nova Scotia"  
## [13] "New Brunswick"
```

Province needs to be recoded. Exercise on this week's practice problems.

# Canadian Flu Rates with `dplyr` - Joining Two Tables with `inner_join()`

X			Y		
A	B	C	A	B	D
a	t	1	a	t	3
b	u	2	b	u	2
c	v	3	d	w	1

`inner_join(X, Y)`

A	B	C	D
a	t	1	3
b	u	2	2

*excluded*