STA130 - Class #3: How R You?

Nathan Taback

2018-01-22

Today's Class

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

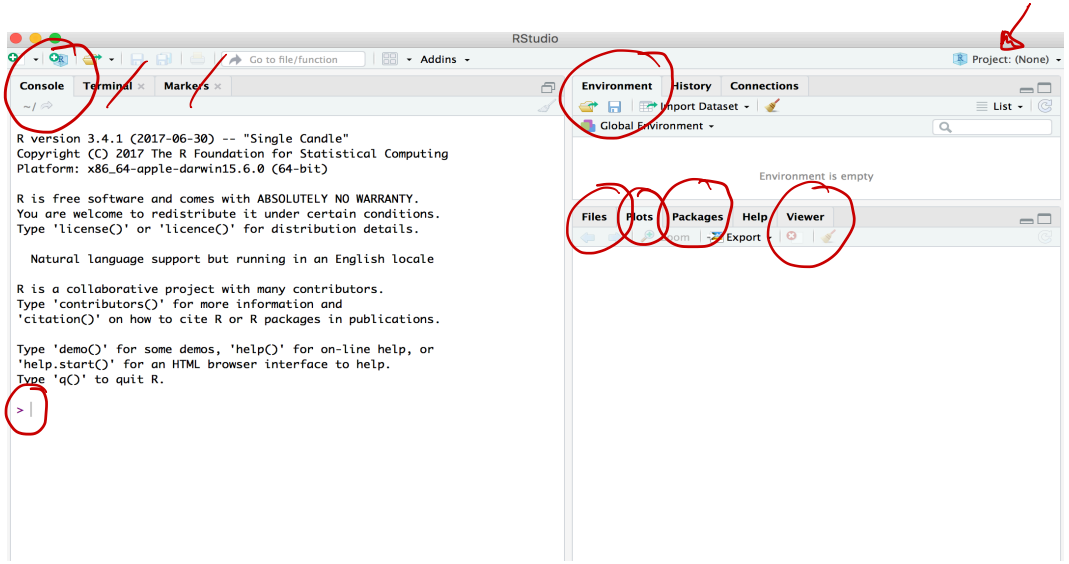
Announcements

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

	Mark
Attendance for the entire tutorial	1
Assigned homework completion[a]	1
In-class exercises	4
Total	6

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

RStudio User Interface



R Objects

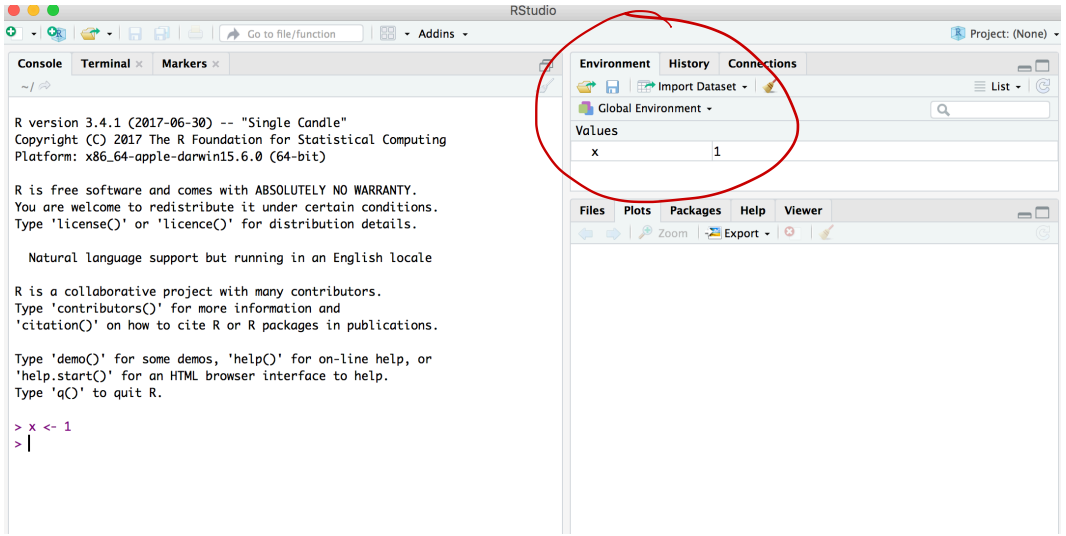
- R lets you save data by storing it inside an R object.
- What's an object? Just a name that you can use to call up stored data.

```
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

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

- 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
```

f g

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

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

$\rightarrow abs(-2.72) = 2.72.$

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

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()` — assumes no arguments.

Function Constructor

Set.seed(1)

- 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)
```

1,2,3,4,5,6 die ← c(1,2,3,4,5,6)

Chooses two numbers from 1,2,3,4,5,6 such that:

If the first value is, say, 1, then the second value is selected from 1,2,3,4,5,6

```
## [1] 9
```

1,1 6,6

2 – 12

is the range of values for sum(dice).

Function Constructor

- We can create our own function with

my_func ← function() {
code.
}

```
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) { # x 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()`.

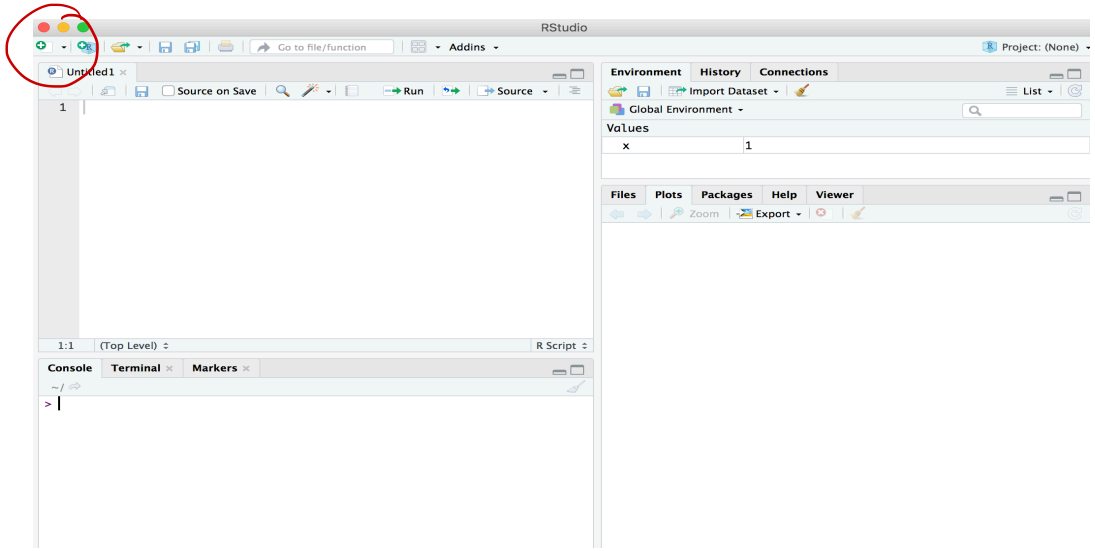
Let's simulate rolling ten dice and adding the results together.

```
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.

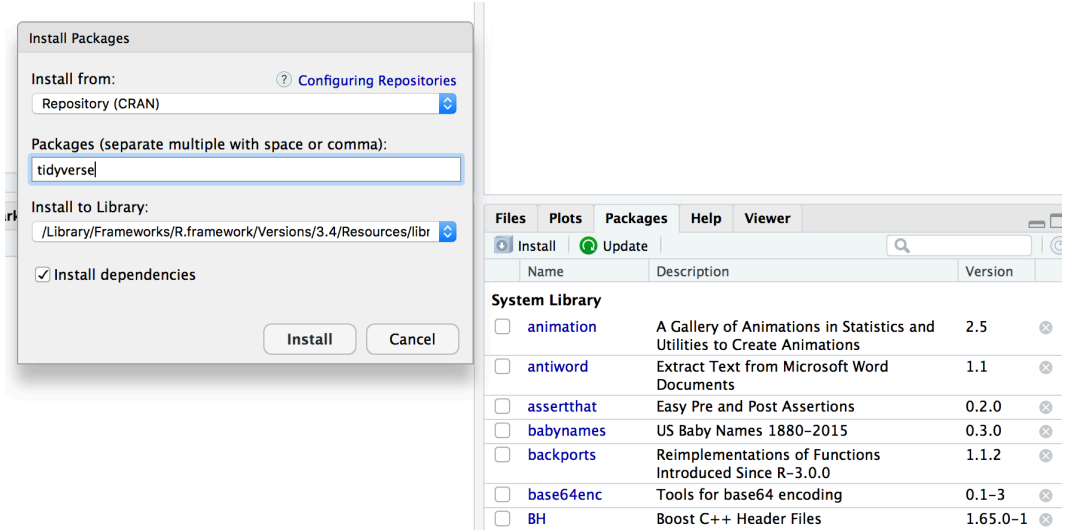


Packages

- 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.

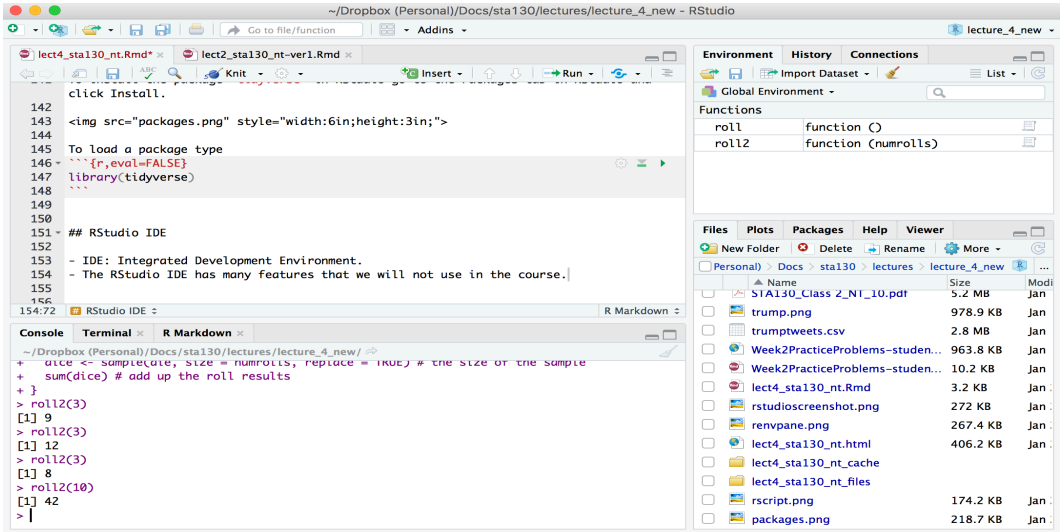


To load a package type

```
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 matricies.
- In most applications we will ususally load data from an external file.

R Objects - Atomic Vectors

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

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

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

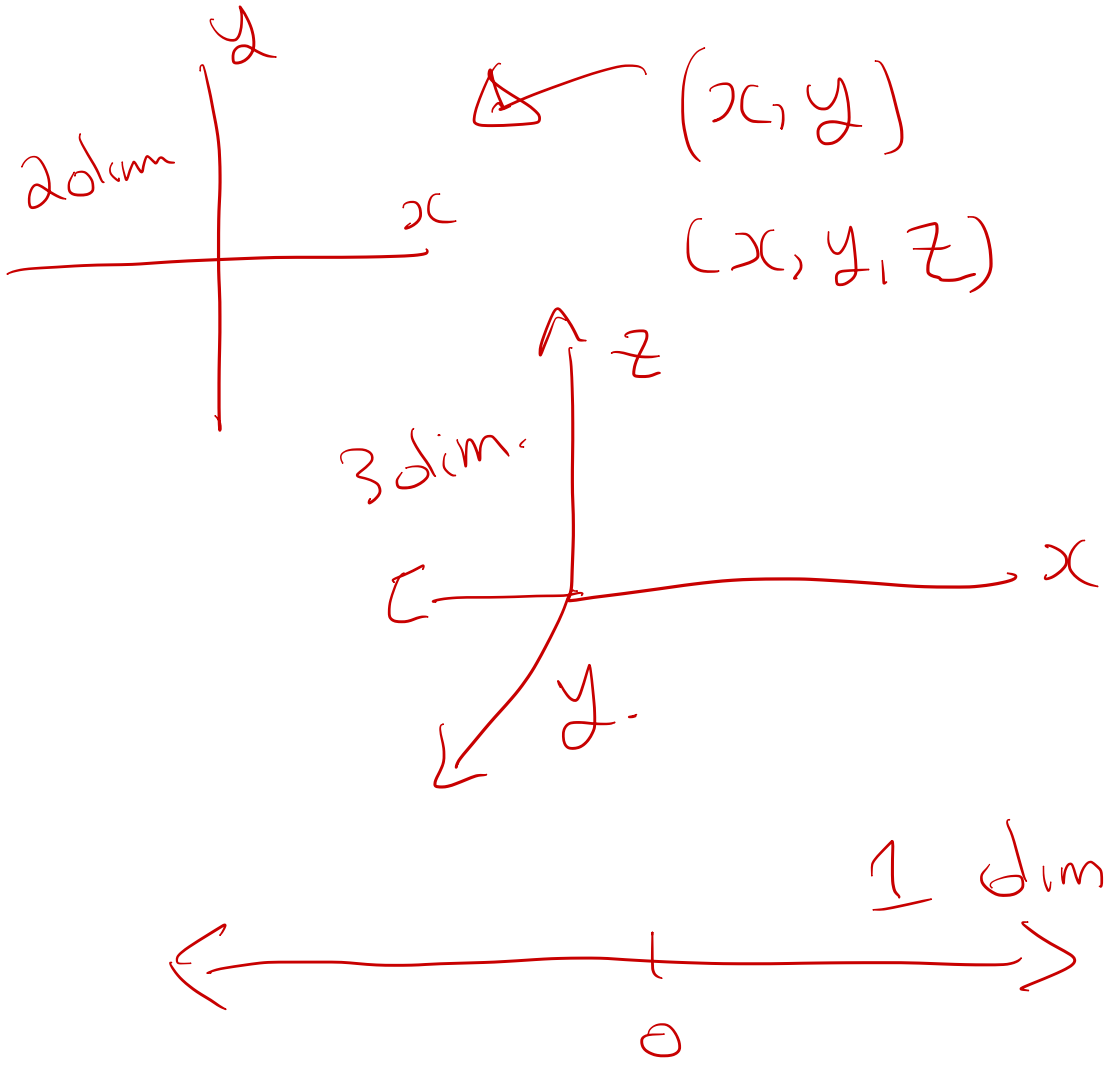
```
is.vector(die)
```

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

```
length(die)
```

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

built in functions in R.



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 surounded by quotation marks.

R Objects - Atomic Vectors: Integer and Character

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

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

```
sum(courses)
```

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

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

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

Coercion.
∵ courses ≡ "STA130"
is True
and TRUE ↦ always 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
```

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

- 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()`

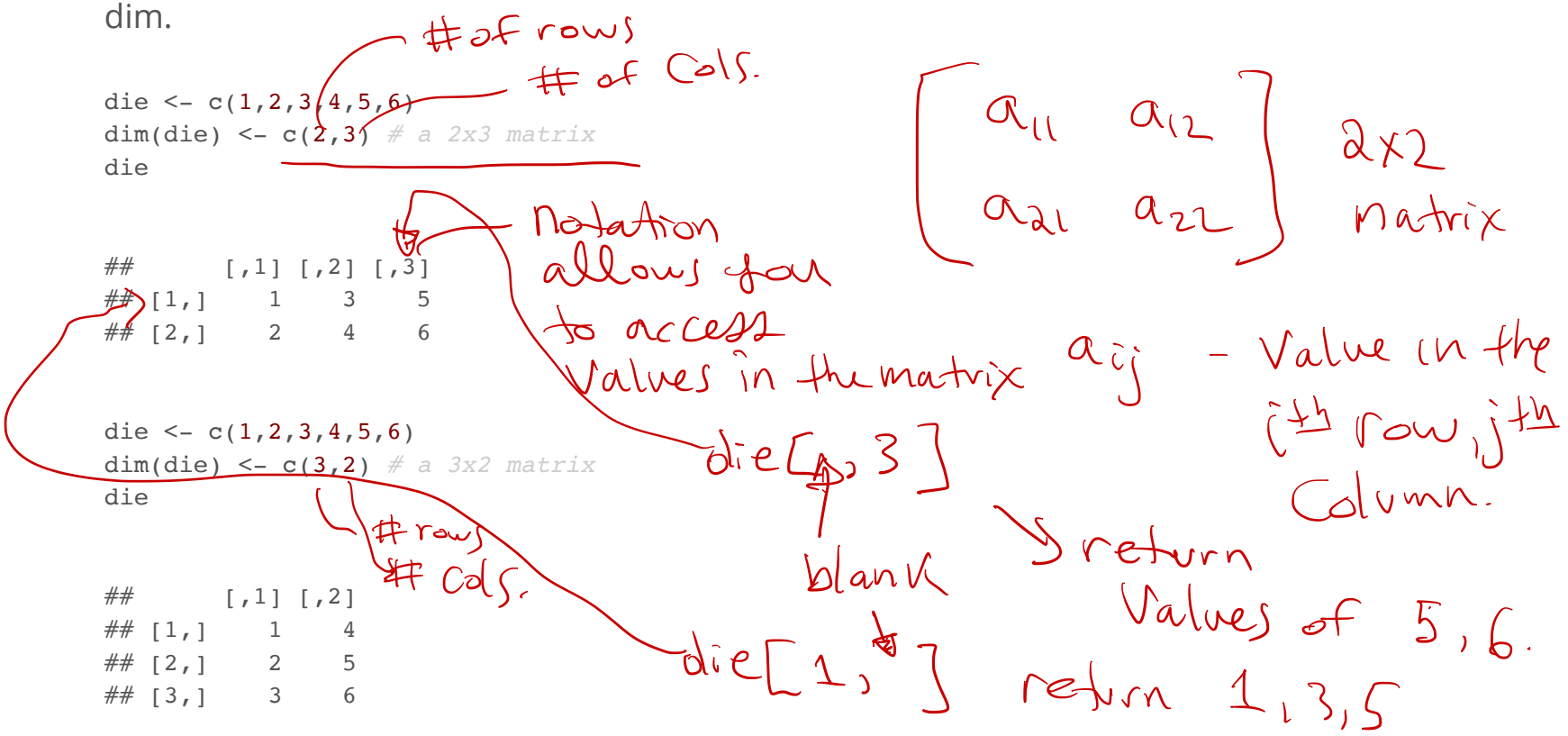
You can transform an atomic vector into an n-dimensional array by giving it a dimen- sions attribute with dim.

```
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
```

```
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
```



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
```

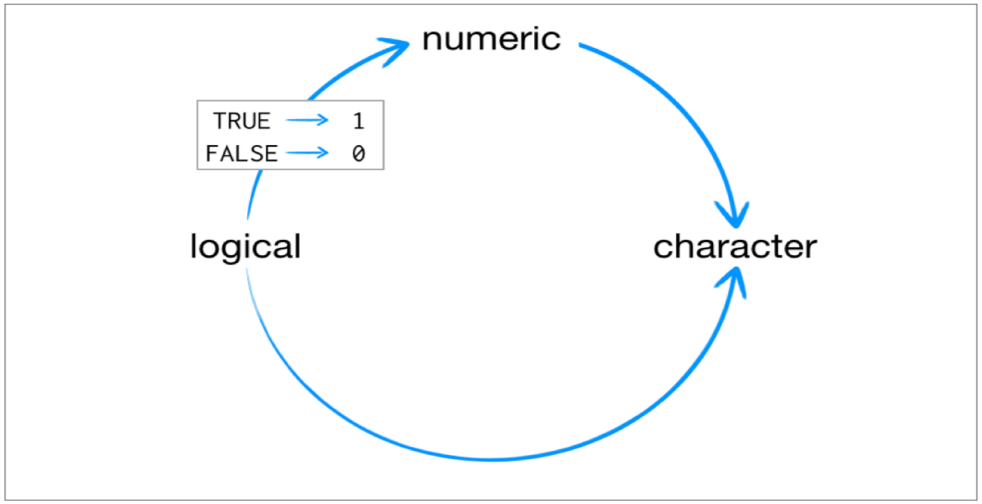
male female

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

$$Sex = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if "female"} \\ 1 & \text{if "male"} \end{cases}$$

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.

1dim character vector

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

31 dim vector

2dim logical vector.

```
## [[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
```

list1[[1]] first element of list.

list1[[2]] second element of list.

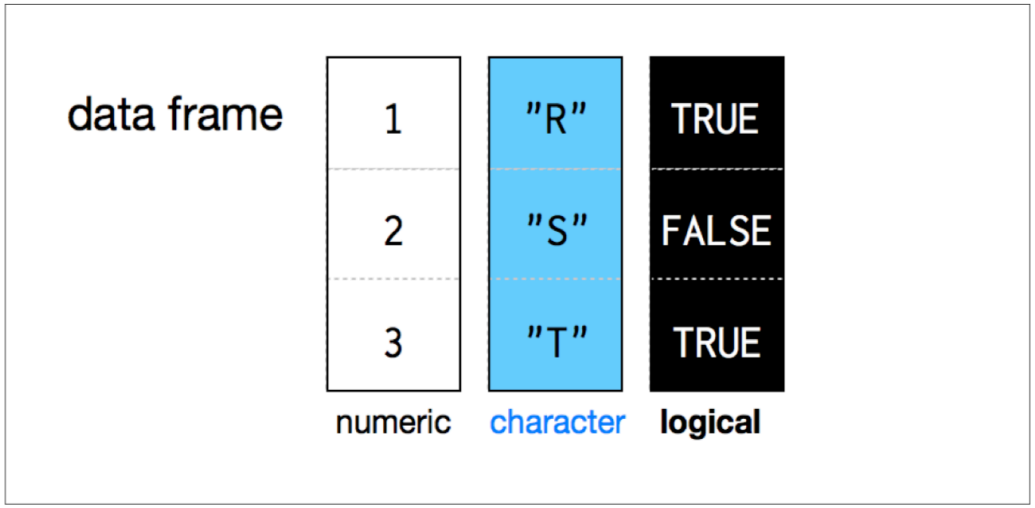
list1[[3]][[3]][[1]] return TRUE

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 Frames

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

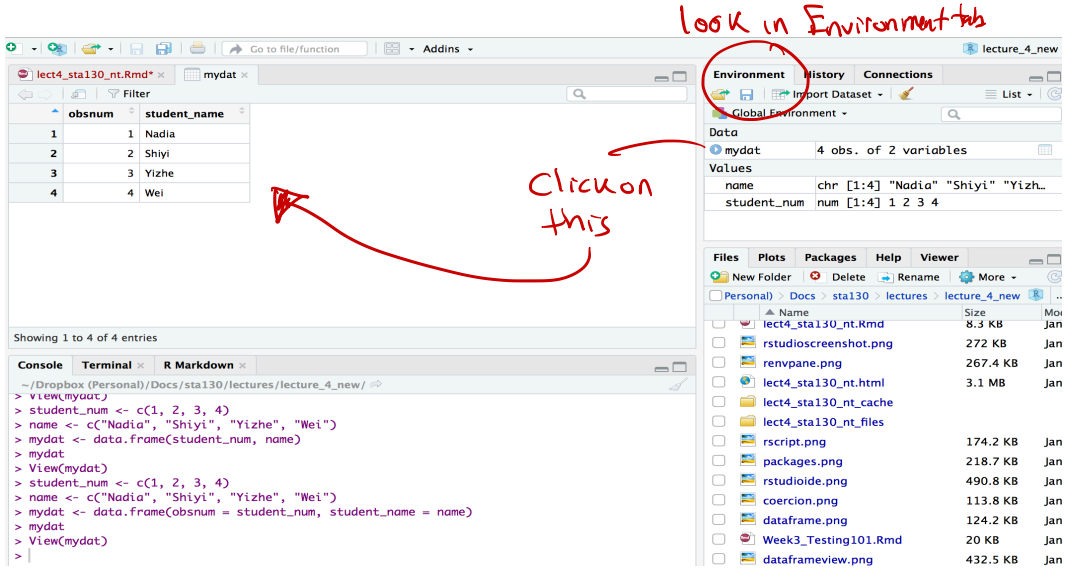
↳ rename first variable as obsnum

```
##   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.

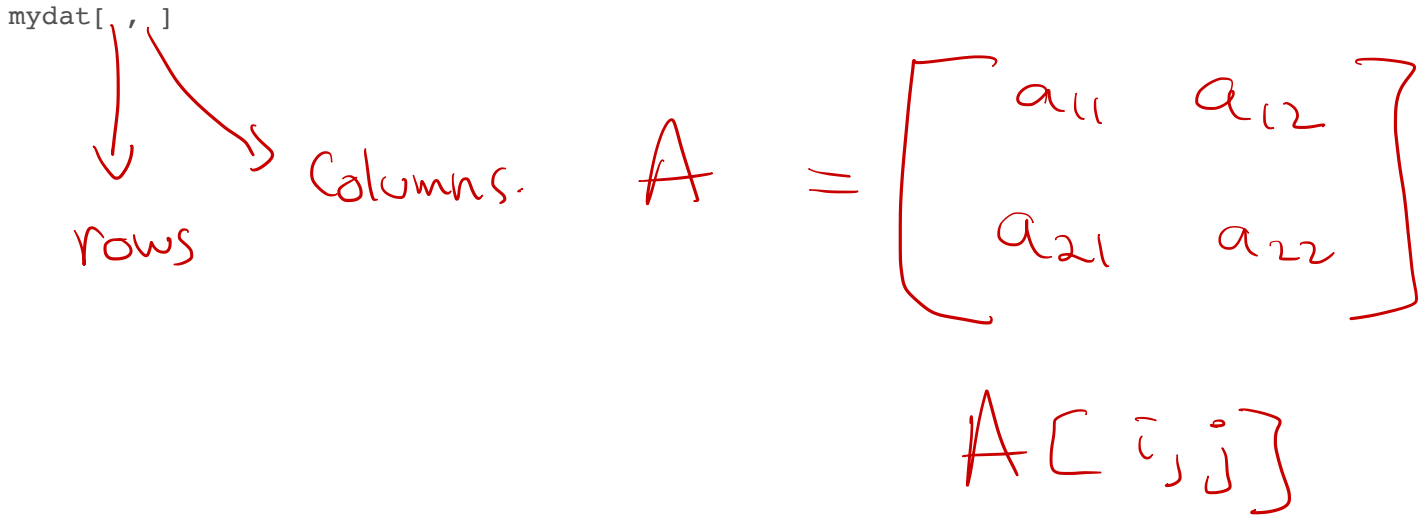
Data Frames

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



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 [,].



R Notation - [,]

```
mydat
```

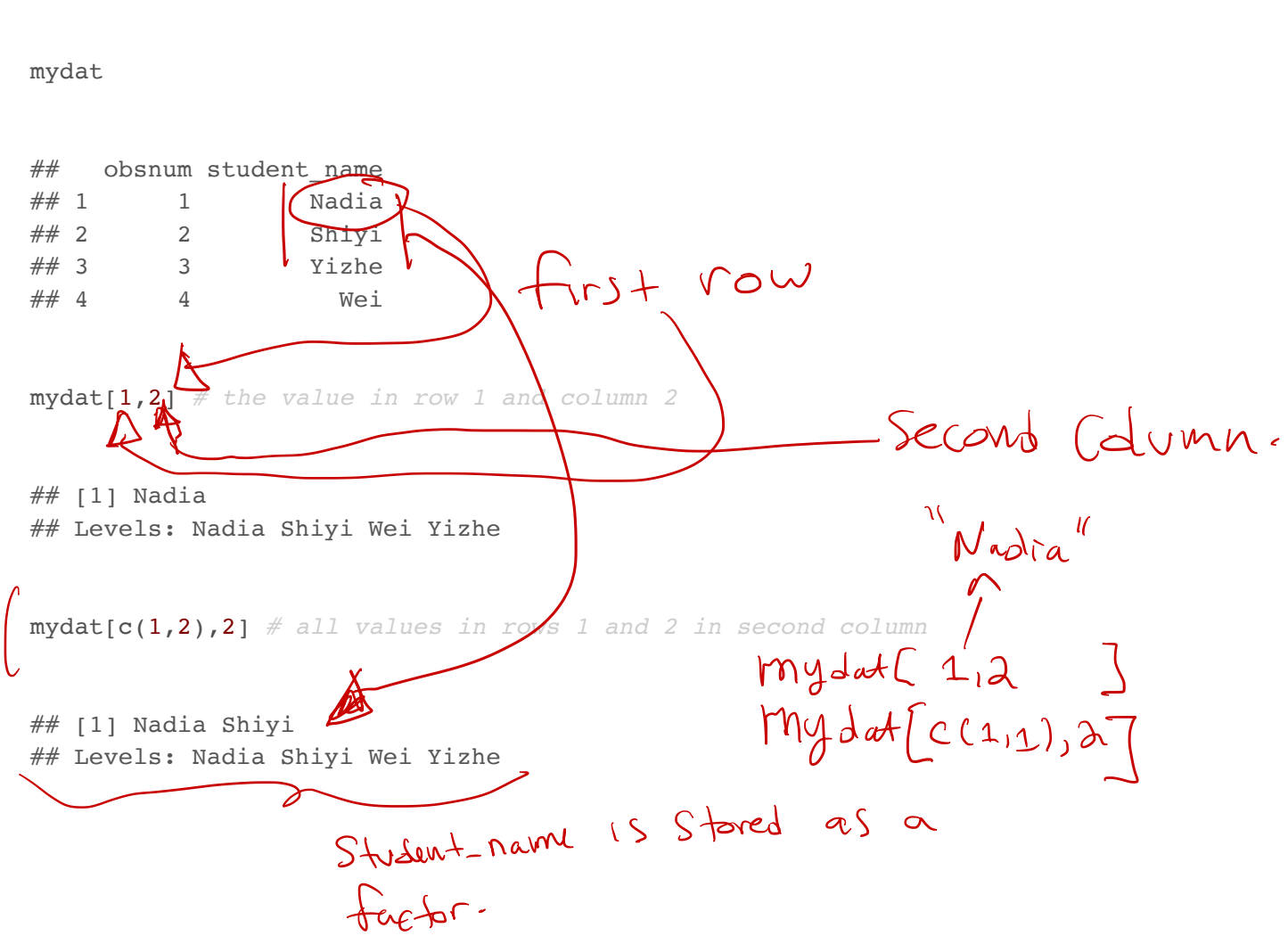
```
##   obsnum student_name
## 1      1        Nadia
## 2      2        Shiyi
## 3      3        Yizhe
## 4      4          Wei
```

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

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

```
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
```

```
## [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
```

Save as a vector

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

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

then access 2nd element.

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

R Notation - combine [,] and $

did not Specify Column.

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

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

```
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.

If obsnum = 1 or obsnum = 4 then TRUE

Missing Data - `NA`

- Missing information problems happen frequently in data science.
- For example a value is mising 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 students 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
```

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

is.na is TRUE if the value is missing (i.e., the value is NA) otherwise it is FALSE

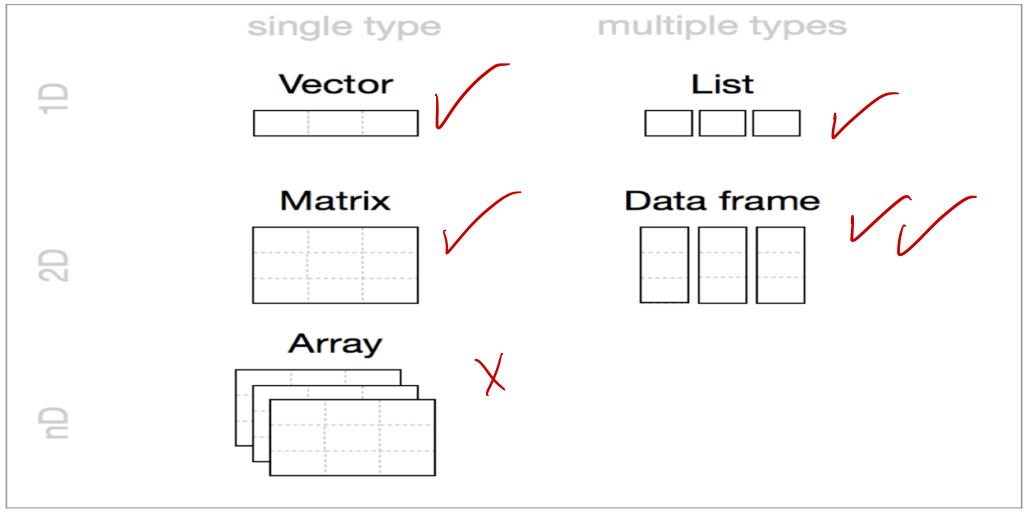
```
age <- c(19, 20, 17, 20, NA)
is.na(age) # check which elements of age are missing
```

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

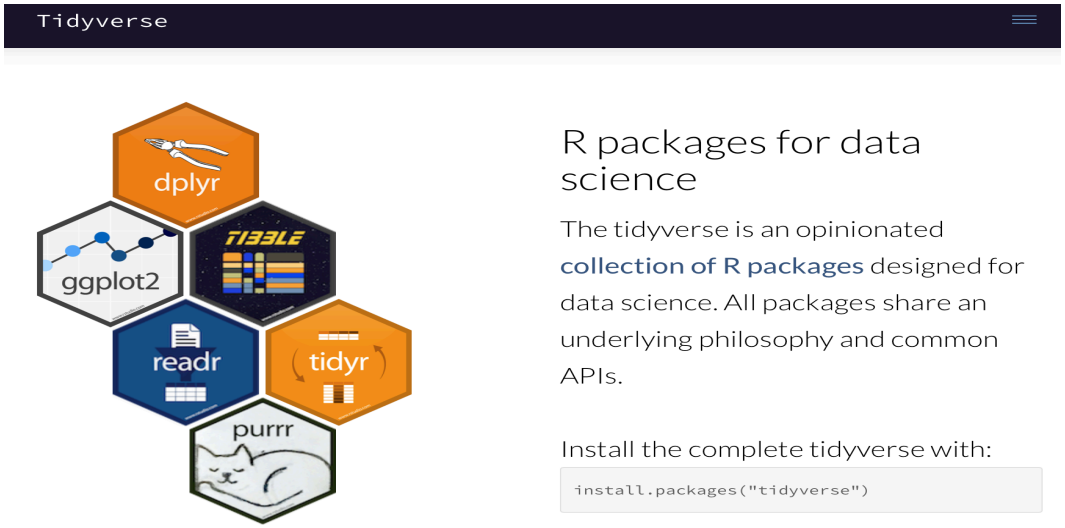
```
age[1] <- NA # set the first element of age to NA
age
```

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

Summary of R Data Structures



Tidyverse



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**

from dplyr lib

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

returns first 6 rows.

# of people tested for flu

# of people + for fluA.

fluA / testpop_size

e.g.) 12/96 in NFLD.

```
## # 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
```

```
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
```

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
```

returns the number of Rows in a dataframe.

Summarise(Fludat_prov, numprov = n()).

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)
```

0 → no missing.

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

```
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>
```

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")
```

returns a data frame with 9 rows.

```
## # 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
```

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

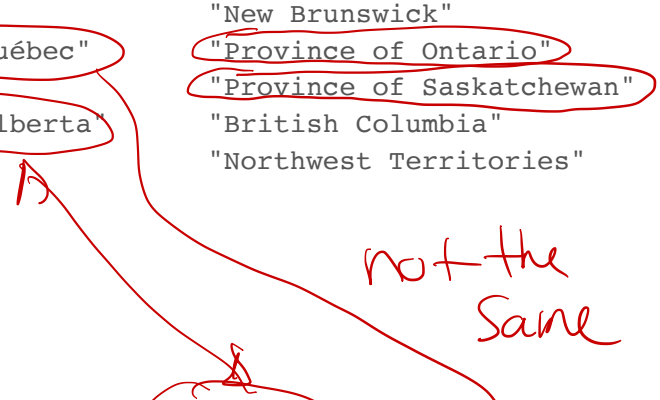
Canadian Flu Rates with `dplyr` - Joining Two Tables with `inner_join()`

```
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()`