

Reading data files

Introduction

- First thing we need to do is to read in data, so that we can use our software to analyze.
- Consider these:
 - ▶ Spreadsheet data saved as .csv file.
 - ▶ “Delimited” data such as values separated by spaces.
 - ▶ Actual Excel spreadsheets.

Packages for this section

```
library(tidyverse)
```

A spreadsheet

The screenshot shows the LibreOffice Calc application window titled "test1.xlsx - LibreOffice Calc". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Format, Sheet, Data, Tools, Window, Help), a toolbar with various icons, and a status bar at the bottom. The spreadsheet is displayed with columns A through E and rows 1 through 11. The data is organized as follows:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	id	x	y	group	
2	p1	10	21	upper	
3	p2	11	20	lower	
4	p3	13	25	upper	
5	p4	15	27	lower	
6	p5	16	30	upper	
7	p6	17	31	lower	
8					
9					
10					
11					

The status bar at the bottom indicates "Sheet 1 of 1", "Default", "Sum=0", and "200%".

Save as .csv

- .csv or “comma-separated values” is a way of turning spreadsheet values into plain text.
- Easy to read into R
- but does not preserve formulas. (This is a reason for doing all your calculations in your statistical software, and only having data in your spreadsheet.)
- File, Save As Text CSV (or similar).
- used name test1.csv.

The .csv file

```
id,x,y,group  
p1,10,21,upper  
p2,11,20,lower  
p3,13,25,upper  
p4,15,27,lower  
p5,16,30,upper  
p6,17,31,lower
```

To read this in:

- Fire up R Studio at r.datatools.utoronto.ca
- Upload this .csv file. (Bottom right, next to New Folder, Upload.) Click Choose File, find the file, click Open. Click OK. See the file appear bottom right.

Make a new Quarto document

- File, New File, Quarto Document
- ...and get rid of the template document (leaving the first four lines).
- Make a code chunk and in it put this. Run it.

```
library(tidyverse)
```

Reading in the file

- Use `read_csv` with the name of the file, in quotes. Save the read-in file in something, here called `mydata`. Make a new code chunk for this:

```
mydata <- read_csv("test1.csv")  
mydata
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 4  
  id      x      y group  
  <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>  
1 p1      10     21 upper  
2 p2      11     20 lower  
3 p3      13     25 upper  
4 p4      15     27 lower  
5 p5      16     30 upper  
6 p6      17     31 lower
```

More on the above

- `read_csv` guesses what kind of thing is in each column. Here it correctly guesses that:
 - ▶ `id` and `group` are text (categorical variables). `id` is actually “identifier variable”: identifies individuals.
 - ▶ `x` and `y` are “double”: numbers that might have a decimal point in them.

R Studio on your own computer

- Put the .csv file in the same folder as your project. Then read it in as above like `read_csv("test1.csv")`.
- Or, use

```
f <- file.choose()  
f
```

which brings up a file selector (as if you were going to find a file to load or save it). Find your .csv file, the address of which will be saved in `f`, and then:

```
mydata <- read_csv(f)
```

- When you have selected the file, comment out the `file.choose` line by putting a `#` on the front of it. That will save you having to find the file again by mistake. (Keyboard shortcut: go to the line, type control-shift-C or Mac equivalent with Cmd.)

Looking at what we read in

- Again, type the name of the thing to display it:

```
mydata
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 4  
  id      x      y group  
  <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>  
1 p1      10     21 upper  
2 p2      11     20 lower  
3 p3      13     25 upper  
4 p4      15     27 lower  
5 p5      16     30 upper  
6 p6      17     31 lower
```

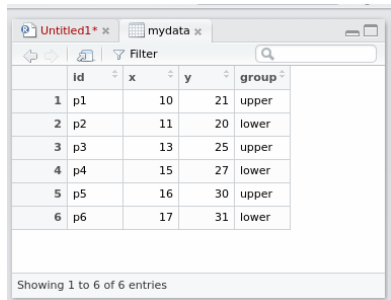
- This is a “tibble” or data frame, the standard way of storing a data set in R.
- Tibbles print as much as will display on the screen. If there are more rows or columns, it will say so.
- You might see navigation keys to display more rows or columns (if there are more).

View-ing your data frame

- Another way to examine your data frame is to View it, like this:

```
View(mydata)
```

- ...or find your data frame in the Global Environment top right and click it.
- This pops up a “data frame viewer” top left:



	id	x	y	group
1	p1	10	21	upper
2	p2	11	20	lower
3	p3	13	25	upper
4	p4	15	27	lower
5	p5	16	30	upper
6	p6	17	31	lower

Showing 1 to 6 of 6 entries

This View

- Read-only: cannot edit data
- Can display data satisfying conditions: click on Filter, then:
 - ▶ for a categorical variable, type name of category you want
 - ▶ for a quantitative variable, use slider to describe values you want.
- Can sort a column into ascending or descending order (click little arrows next to column name).
- Clicking the symbol with arrow on it left of Filter “pops out” View into separate (bigger) window.

Summarizing what we read in

- It is always a good idea to look at your data after you have read it in, to make sure you have believable numbers (and the right number of individuals and variables).
- Quick check for errors: these often show up as values too high or too low, so the min and/or max will be unreasonable.
- Five-number summary:

```
summary(mydata)
```

id	x	y	group
Length:6	Min. :10.00	Min. :20.00	Length:6
Class :character	1st Qu.:11.50	1st Qu.:22.00	Class :character
Mode :character	Median :14.00	Median :26.00	Mode :character
	Mean :13.67	Mean :25.67	
	3rd Qu.:15.75	3rd Qu.:29.25	
	Max. :17.00	Max. :31.00	

- Quantitative, five-number summary plus mean.
- Categorical, how many rows.

Reading from a URL

- Any data file on the Web can be read directly.
- **Example data link:**
- Use URL instead of filename.
- I like to save the URL in a variable first (because URLs tend to be long), and then put that variable in the `read_` function:

```
my_url <- "http://ritsokiguess.site/datafiles/global.csv"
my_url
```

```
[1] "http://ritsokiguess.site/datafiles/global.csv"
```

```
global <- read_csv(my_url)
```

The data

```
global
```

```
# A tibble: 10 x 3
  warehouse size cost
  <chr>      <dbl> <dbl>
1 A         225 12.0
2 B         350 14.1
3 A         150  8.93
4 A         200 11.0
5 A         175 10.0
6 A         180 10.1
7 B         325 13.8
8 B         290 13.3
9 B         400 15
10 A        125  7.97
```

Space-delimited files

- Another common format for data is a text file with the values separated by spaces. Top of some other data:

```
cup tempdiff
Starbucks 13
Starbucks 7
Starbucks 7
Starbucks 17.5
Starbucks 10
Starbucks 15.5
Starbucks 6
Starbucks 6
SIGG 12
SIGG 16
SIGG 9
SIGG 23
SIGG 11
SIGG 20.5
SIGG 12.5
SIGG 20.5
SIGG 24.5
CUPPS 6
CUPPS 6
```

Reading the coffee data

- This file was on my computer so I uploaded it to `r.datatools.utoronto.ca` first.
- This time, `read_delim`, and we also have to say what the thing is separating the values:

```
coffee <- read_delim("coffee.txt", " ")
```

```
Rows: 32 Columns: 2
```

```
-- Column specification -----
```

```
Delimiter: " "
```

```
chr (1): cup
```

```
dbl (1): tempdiff
```

i Use ``spec()`` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.

i Specify the column types or set ``show_col_types = FALSE`` to quiet this message.

- Name of the cup, text, and tempdiff, a decimal number.

Looking at the values

```
coffee
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 2
  cup      tempdiff
<chr>      <dbl>
1 Starbucks    13
2 Starbucks     7
3 Starbucks     7
4 Starbucks   17.5
5 Starbucks    10
6 Starbucks   15.5
7 Starbucks     6
8 Starbucks     6
9 SIGG        12
10 SIGG        16
# i 22 more rows
```

These were four brands of travel mug (in cup), and for each, how much the temperature of the coffee in the mug decreased over 30 minutes.

Reading from the Web; the soap data

- Use the URL in place of the filename.
- Save the URL in a variable first:

```
my_url <- "http://ritsokiguess.site/datafiles/soap.txt"  
soap <- read_delim(my_url, " ")
```

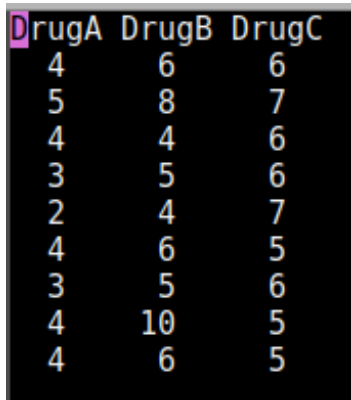
The soap data (some)

```
soap
```

```
# A tibble: 27 x 4
  case scrap speed line
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
1     1    218   100 a
2     2    248   125 a
3     3    360   220 a
4     4    351   205 a
5     5    470   300 a
6     6    394   255 a
7     7    332   225 a
8     8    321   175 a
9     9    410   270 a
10    10    260   170 a
# i 17 more rows
```

Data aligned in columns

- Sometimes you see data aligned in columns, thus:



DrugA	DrugB	DrugC
4	6	6
5	8	7
4	4	6
3	5	6
2	4	7
4	6	5
3	5	6
4	10	5
4	6	5

- `read_delim` will not work: values separated by more than one space.
- The number of spaces between values is not constant, because there is one fewer space before the 10.
- `read_table` works for this.

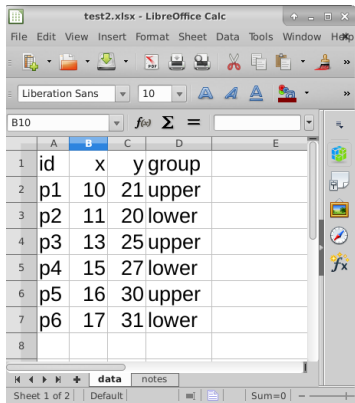
Reading in column-aligned data

```
drugs <- read_table("migraine.txt")  
drugs
```

```
# A tibble: 9 x 3  
  DrugA DrugB DrugC  
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
1     4     6     6  
2     5     8     7  
3     4     4     6  
4     3     5     6  
5     2     4     7  
6     4     6     5  
7     3     5     6  
8     4    10     5  
9     4     6     5
```

Reading an Excel sheet directly

- Here is **my spreadsheet** from before, but tarted up a bit:



test2.xlsx - LibreOffice Calc

File Edit View Insert Format Sheet Data Tools Window Help

Liberation Sans 10

B10 f(x) Σ =

	A	B	C	D	E
1	id	x	y	group	
2	p1	10	21	upper	
3	p2	11	20	lower	
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6	p5	16	30	upper	
7	p6	17	31	lower	
8					

data notes

Sheet 1 of 2 Default Sum=0

- Now a workbook with a second sheet called “notes”.

Reading it in

- Read into R, saying that we only want the sheet “data”. Upload spreadsheet first.
- Excel spreadsheets must be “local”: cannot read one in from a URL.

```
library(readxl) # install first (once) with install.packages
mydata2 <- read_excel("test2.xlsx", sheet = "data")
mydata2
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 4
```

	id	x	y	group
	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<chr>
1	p1	10	21	upper
2	p2	11	20	lower
3	p3	13	25	upper
4	p4	15	27	lower
5	p5	16	30	upper
6	p6	17	31	lower