# Stat 140: R Commands and Concepts So Far

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| Task   | R Command   |
|--|---|
| Load a package   | library(dplyr)  |
| Assign a value to a variable   | my_var <- 3   |
| Read a csv file  | <pre>nhanes &lt;- read_csv("path/to/nhanes.csv")</pre>  |
| Display first few lines of a data frame  | head(nhanes)  |
| Display more detail about a data frame   | <pre>str(nhanes)</pre>  |
| Number of rows and columns in a data frame   | <pre>dim(nhanes), nrow(nhanes), ncol(nhanes)</pre>  |
| Convert a nominal categori-<br>cal variable to factor  | nhanes <- nhanes %>% mutate(Gender = factor(Gender))  |
| Convert an ordinal<br>categorical variable<br>to factor  | <pre>nhanes &lt;- nhanes %&gt;% mutate(   Education = factor(Education,     levels = c("High School", "Some College", "College Grad"),     ordered = TRUE))</pre> |
| View the distinct values of<br>a variable (mainly useful for<br>categorical variables)               | nhanes %>% distinct(Education)  |
| Count number of observa-<br>tions in each level of a cate-<br>gorical variable                       | tally( ~ Education, data = nhanes)  |
| Count number of observa-<br>tions in each combination of<br>levels of two categorical vari-<br>ables | <pre>tally(Education ~ Gender, data = nhanes)</pre>   |
| Add or modify a variable<br>in a data frame  | nhanes_modified <- nhanes %>%<br>mutate(Weight_pounds = Weight * 2.205)   |
| Filter observational units, character condition  | <pre>nhanes_fewer_obs_units &lt;- nhanes %&gt;% filter(Education == "High School")</pre>  |
| Filter, character condition<br>with multiple values  | <pre>nhanes_fewer_obs_units &lt;- nhanes %&gt;% filter(Education == "High School"   Education == "Some College")</pre>  |
| Filter, numeric condition  | <pre>nhanes_fewer_obs_units &lt;- nhanes %&gt;% filter(Age &gt;= 22)</pre>  |
| Filter, multiple conditions  | <pre>nhanes_fewer_obs_units &lt;- nhanes %&gt;% filter(Education == "High School", Age &gt;= 22)</pre>  |
| Sort observational units, as-<br>cending order   | nhanes_sorted <- nhanes %>% arrange(Age)  |
| Sort observational units, de-<br>scending order  | nhanes_sorted <- nhanes %>% arrange(desc(Age))  |

In this document I am going to summarize the main commands and concepts for R that we have learned so far – along with a couple of others that you haven't seen but are closely related to what we've done so far. These are organized into four main groups:

- 1. R variables and the assignment operator
- 2. Basic interactions with data frames
  - a. Reading data into R from spreadsheet files
  - b. Getting a first look at what's in a data frame
  - c. Converting categorical variables to factors
- 3. Summarizing categorical data
- 4. Data wrangling

I will illustrate the ideas using the NHANES data we looked at in Lab 1.

# 1. R variables and the assignment operator

In R, we use the word "variable" in two ways. The first is a name that we've given a value that we want to be able to re-use later. In the example below, my\_var is a variable. We have *assigned* the value 3 to it using the *assignment operator*, <- (a less than sign followed by a minus sign, to form an arrow).

my\_var <- 3

We can see the value that's currently assigned to my\_var by entering the name of the variable on its own line:

my\_var

## [1] 3

We can also use that value in later calculations:

my\_var \* 2

## [1] 6

The second meaning of the word "variable" is more closely related to our use of the word in statistics: a column in a data frame. We'll look at that next.

# 2. Basic interactions with data frames

In R, the most common way to store data is in a data frame. You can think of a data frame as being like a spreadsheet. Each row corresponds to an observational unit, and each column corresponds to a variable.

# a. Reading data into R from spreadsheet files

Usually, the data are stored in a spreadsheet-like file outside of R. The file format we'll work with most in this class is a csv file (csv stands for comma separated value). We can read in csv files using the read\_csv function, which is in the readr package:

library(readr)

## Warning: package 'readr' was built under R version 3.4.2

nhanes <- read\_csv("http://www.evanlray.com/stat140\_s2018/lecture/20180125\_intro\_to\_r/nhanes.csv")</pre>

```
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
## ID = col_integer(),
## Gender = col_character(),
## Age = col_integer(),
## Race = col_character(),
## Education = col_character(),
## MaritalStatus = col_character(),
```

```
##
     HHIncome = col_character(),
##
     Poverty = col_double(),
     Weight = col double(),
##
##
     Length = col_double(),
##
     Height = col_double(),
##
     Diabetes = col_character(),
##
     nPregnancies = col_integer(),
##
     nBabies = col_integer(),
##
     PregnantNow = col_character()
## )
```

If the data file was stored on your computer instead of on the class website, you would change the file location in these commands to where the file is located on your computer.

There are also functions to read in data from other file formats. For example, if your data were stored in an excel file (with a file extension like xlsx), you could use the read\_excel function from the readxl package to read the data in. This function doesn't handle reading files from the internet very well yet, so we won't use it much in this class – but it's there if you need it later.

## b. Getting a first look at what's in the data frame

There are a couple of questions I always ask myself whenever I'm thinking about a new data set:

- 1. How many observational units and variables are in this data set?
- 2. What are the variables and variable types?

We've talked about three functions that can be used to help answer these questions.

#### head

The head function shows you the first few rows of the data set (by default, the first 6 rows). It's good for getting a quick summary of what's in the data frame, but it will not tell you how many observational units there are.

head(nhanes)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 15
##
        ID Gender
                    Age Race
                                 Education MaritalStatus
                                                             HHIncome Poverty
##
     <int>
            <chr> <int> <chr>
                                      <chr>
                                                    <chr>
                                                                 <chr>
                                                                         <dbl>
## 1 62163
             male
                     14 Asian
                                       <NA>
                                                     <NA>
                                                          more 99999
                                                                          4.07
## 2 62172 female
                     43 Black High School NeverMarried 20000-24999
                                                                          2.02
                                                                          4.30
## 3 62174
             male
                     80 White College Grad
                                                  Married 65000-74999
## 4 62174
             male
                     80 White College Grad
                                                  Married 65000-74999
                                                                          4.30
## 5 62175
             male
                      5 White
                                       <NA>
                                                     <NA> 10000-14999
                                                                          0.39
## 6 62176 female
                     34 White College Grad
                                                  Married more 99999
                                                                          5.00
  # ... with 7 more variables: Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>, Height <dbl>,
##
## #
      Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>, PregnantNow <chr>
```

str

The str function will print out some more detailed information about the data frame, including how many observational units and variables there are, and the type of each variable – but its output is a little less well organized.

## str(nhanes)

| ## | Classes 'tbl_df',            | 'tbl | ' and 'data.frame': 5000 obs. of 15 variables:              |
|----|------------------------------|------|---|
| ## | \$ ID :                      | int  | 62163 62172 62174 62174 62175 62176 62178 62180 62186 62190 |
| ## | \$ Gender :                  | chr  | "male" "female" "male"                                      |
| ## | \$ Age :                     | int  | 14 43 80 80 5 34 80 35 17 15                                |
| ## | \$ Race :                    | chr  | "Asian" "Black" "White" "White"                             |
| ## | <pre>\$ Education :</pre>    | chr  | NA "High School" "College Grad" "College Grad"              |
| ## | <pre>\$ MaritalStatus:</pre> | chr  | NA "NeverMarried" "Married"                                 |
| ## | <pre>\$ HHIncome :</pre>     | chr  | "more 99999" "20000-24999" "65000-74999" "65000-74999"      |

```
##
   $ Poverty
                          4.07 2.02 4.3 4.3 0.39 5 0.05 0.87 0.53 0.54 ...
                   : num
##
                          49.4 98.6 95.8 95.8 23.9 68.7 85.9 89 63.5 38.5 ...
   $ Weight
                   : num
##
   $ Length
                   : num
                          NA ...
##
   $ Height
                          169 172 168 168 120 ...
                   : num
##
   $ Diabetes
                          "No" "No" "No" "No" ...
                   : chr
##
   $ nPregnancies : int
                          NA 3 NA NA NA 5 NA NA NA NA ...
##
                          NA 2 NA NA NA 2 NA NA NA NA ...
    $ nBabies
                   : int
   $ PregnantNow : chr NA "No" NA NA ...
##
##
    - attr(*, "spec")=List of 2
##
     ..$ cols
                :List of 15
##
     .. ..$ ID
                         : list()
     ....- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_integer" "collector"
##
##
     ....$ Gender
                         : list()
     ....- attr(*, "class")= chr
##
                                      "collector_character" "collector"
##
                         : list()
     .. ..$ Age
##
     ..... attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_integer" "collector"
##
     .. ..$ Race
                         : list()
##
     .. .. ..- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_character" "collector"
##
     .. ..$ Education
                        : list()
##
     ....- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_character" "collector"
##
     ....$ MaritalStatus: list()
##
     ....- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_character" "collector"
##
     ....$ HHIncome
                         : list()
##
     ....- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_character" "collector"
##
     ....$ Poverty
                         : list()
     ....- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_double" "collector"
##
##
     .. ..$ Weight
                         : list()
     .. .. ..- attr(*, "class")= chr
##
                                      "collector_double" "collector"
##
     .. ..$ Length
                         : list()
     ..... attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_double" "collector"
##
##
     .. ..$ Height
                         : list()
##
     ....- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_double" "collector"
##
     .. .. $ Diabetes
                        : list()
##
     ..... attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_character" "collector"
##
     .... $ nPregnancies : list()
##
     ..... attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_integer" "collector"
##
     .. ..$ nBabies
                         : list()
     ....- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_integer" "collector"
##
##
     .... $ PregnantNow : list()
##
     .. .. ..- attr(*, "class")= chr
                                      "collector_character" "collector"
##
     ..$ default: list()
##
     ...- attr(*, "class")= chr "collector_guess" "collector"
     ..- attr(*, "class")= chr "col_spec"
##
```

# dim, nrow, and ncol

The dim function will tell you how many rows (i.e., how many observational units) and columns (i.e., how many variables) are in the data frame (in that order). The **nrow** function will tell you how many rows there are, and the **ncol** function will tell you how many columns there are.

## [1] 5000 15
nrow(nhanes)
## [1] 5000
ncol(nhanes)
## [1] 15

dim(nhanes)

## c. Converting categorical variables to factors

When you first read a data set in, quantitative data types will usually be assigned the correct data type in R, but categorical variables will typically be stored as a character data type in R. We'll need to tell R that these are categorical variables by converting them to factors. A factor is just R's name for a categorical variable.

Remember that we divide categorical variables into two sub-types:

- 1. Nominal, where there is no specific order to the categories (for example think of eye color the categories might be blue, green, brown, etc., and there is no specific order to those categories)
- 2. Ordinal, where there is a specific order to the categories (for example think of education level the categories might be "less than high school degree", "some college", "college degree", "graduate degree")

The difference in reading these into R is in whether or not we need to specify an ordered = TRUE argument to the factor function.

In both cases, we will use the mutate function to modify the data frame. The mutate function will be described more later in this document. It is in the dplyr package, so we need to load that package before we can use it:

library(dplyr)

```
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 3.4.2
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
## filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
## intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

Converting a nominal categorical variable to a factor

```
nhanes <- nhanes %>%
  mutate(Gender = factor(Gender))
```

Converting an ordinal categorical variable to an ordered factor

```
nhanes <- nhanes %>%
mutate(
    Education = factor(Education,
        levels = c("8th Grade", "9 - 11th Grade", "High School", "Some College", "College Grad"),
        ordered = TRUE)
)
```

For an ordinal variable, we need to add two more arguments to the call to factor:

- specify the levels of the variable in order tell R what order they come in.
- ordered = TRUE argument to tell R that it needs to pay attention to and remember the order we specified above.

#### Listing distinct values of a variable

In order to know what to list for the possible levels of an ordinal categorical variable, you can use the **distinct** function to list the distinct values of the variable:

nhanes %>% distinct(Education)

| # | A | tibble: | 6     | х  | 1   |
|---|---|---------|-------|--|---|
|   |   | Educa   | ati   | ior  | ı   |
|   |   | •       | <01   | rd>  | >   |
| 1 |   |         | <1    | VA>  | >   |
|   |   |         | Educa | Educat:<br><or< td=""><td><pre># A tibble: 6 x Education <ord> 1 </ord></pre></td></or<> | <pre># A tibble: 6 x Education <ord> 1 </ord></pre> |

## 2 High School
## 3 College Grad
## 4 Some College
## 5 8th Grade
## 6 9 - 11th Grade

# 3. Summarizing Categorical Data

It is often helpful to obtain counts of how many observational units fall into each category of a categorical variable, or into each combination of categories for two categorical variables. We will do this with the tally function in the mosaic package.

```
library(mosaic)
tally( ~ Education, data = nhanes)
## Education
##
        8th Grade 9 - 11th Grade
                                      High School
                                                     Some College
                                                                     College Grad
##
               212
                               405
                                               679
                                                              1160
                                                                              1128
##
              <NA>
              1416
##
tally(Education ~ Gender, data = nhanes)
##
                    Gender
## Education
                     female male
##
     8th Grade
                         91 121
     9 - 11th Grade
                        174
                              231
##
##
     High School
                        338
                             341
##
     Some College
                        615
                             545
##
     College Grad
                        584
                             544
##
     <NA>
                        693
                              723
```

The first argument to the tally function is a formula. With one variable, the variable goes after the  $\sim$  (this character is a tilde; it's found in the top left corner of my keyboard). With two variables, one variable goes before the  $\sim$  and the second goes after it. The second argument is the data frame where these variables are found.

# 4. Data Wrangling

In this class, we will learn about a few of the most common operations you may want to perform on data sets. Here are the ones we've talked about so far; we'll add a couple more to this list later:

- a. Add new **variables** or modify existing **variables** (remember that variables correspond to columns of the data frame):
  - mutate: add a new variable or modify an existing variable
- b. Keep a subset of **observational units** (rows):
  - filter: keep only a subset of the observational units in the data frame that meet conditions you specify
- c. Arrange the **observational units** (rows) in order:
  - arrange: sort the observations in order according to one of the variables

All of these functions are in the dplyr package, so we'll need to load that package:

library(dplyr)

# a. mutate

The basic use of mutate looks like this:

Note that the **mutate** function does not necessarily modify the original data frame: it creates a second copy, and leaves the original as it was.

Suppose we want to convert the subjects' weight in kilograms to a weight in pounds, and add the weight in pounds to the data frame as a new variable called Weight\_pounds. Here's how we can do that (there are 2.205 pounds in a kilogram):

```
nhanes_with_weight_in_pounds <- nhanes %>%
    mutate(Weight_pounds = Weight * 2.205)
```

Here's a look at the structure of the newly created data frame, nhanes\_with\_weight\_in\_pounds. Note the addition of a new variable at the end called Weight\_pounds. If we were to look at the original nhanes data frame, we would see that it was not changed.

```
str(nhanes_with_weight_in_pounds)
```

```
## Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame':
                                                5000 obs. of 16 variables:
   $ ID
##
                   : int 62163 62172 62174 62174 62175 62176 62178 62180 62186 62190 ...
##
   $ Gender
                   : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 1 ...
##
   $ Age
                   : int 14 43 80 80 5 34 80 35 17 15 ...
                         "Asian" "Black" "White" "White"
##
   $ Race
                   : chr
##
                   : Ord.factor w/ 5 levels "8th Grade"<"9 - 11th Grade"<..: NA 3 5 5 NA 5 3 5 NA NA ...
   $ Education
## $ MaritalStatus: chr
                         NA "NeverMarried" "Married" "Married" ...
                          "more 99999" "20000-24999" "65000-74999" "65000-74999" ...
##
   $ HHIncome
                  : chr
##
   $ Poverty
                   : num
                         4.07 2.02 4.3 4.3 0.39 5 0.05 0.87 0.53 0.54 ...
##
   $ Weight
                         49.4 98.6 95.8 95.8 23.9 68.7 85.9 89 63.5 38.5 ...
                   : num
##
   $ Length
                         NA ...
                   : num
                         169 172 168 168 120 ...
## $ Height
                   : num
##
   $ Diabetes
                   : chr
                         "No" "No" "No" "No" ...
##
  $ nPregnancies : int NA 3 NA NA NA 5 NA NA NA NA ...
   $ nBabies
                   : int NA 2 NA NA NA 2 NA NA NA ...
##
                         NA "No" NA NA ...
   $ PregnantNow : chr
##
   $ Weight_pounds: num 108.9 217.4 211.2 211.2 52.7 ...
##
```

# b. filter

We often want to look at a subset of the observational units in a data frame. The filter command lets us do this by specifying values of the variables we want to keep. In this class, we will use a small amount of the filtering capabilities that R provides. Here are a few examples of some filters we will use. As with the mutate command, filter does not modify the original data set.

## Filter according to the value of a categorical variable

In the command below we keep only observational units with an Education level of "High School". Note the use of two equals signs and quotes around the value we want to keep.

```
nhanes_fewer_obs_units <- nhanes %>%
    filter(Education == "High School")
```

head(nhanes\_fewer\_obs\_units)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 15
##
        ID Gender
                    Age
                           Race
                                   Education MaritalStatus
                                                               HHIncome Poverty
##
     <int> <fctr> <int>
                           <chr>
                                       <ord>
                                                      <chr>
                                                                  <chr>>
                                                                          <dbl>
## 1 62172 female
                          Black High School NeverMarried 20000-24999
                                                                            2.02
                     43
## 2 62178
                          White High School
                                                                           0.05
           male
                     80
                                                   Widowed
                                                                 0-4999
```

```
## 3 62223
            male
                     54
                          Asian High School
                                                  Married
                                                                  <NA>
                                                                            NA
## 4 62231 female
                     48 Mexican High School
                                                  Married more 99999
                                                                          3.92
## 5 62308 female
                     78
                          White High School
                                                  Married 35000-44999
                                                                          2.64
## 6 62308 female
                          White High School
                                                  Married 35000-44999
                                                                          2.64
                     78
## # ... with 7 more variables: Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>, Height <dbl>,
      Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>, PregnantNow <chr>
## #
```

#### Filter according to the value of a categorical variable, keep multiple values

In the command below we keep only observational units with an Education level of "High School" or "Some College". Note the use of two equals signs and quotes around the values we want to keep. The vertical line in between the two possible values can be read as "or". On my keyboard, that symbol is above the backslash, on the right side of the keyboard.

```
nhanes_fewer_obs_units <- nhanes %>%
    filter(Education == "High School" | Education == "Some College")
```

head(nhanes\_fewer\_obs\_units)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 15
                                   Education MaritalStatus
##
       ID Gender
                   Age
                           Race
                                                              HHIncome
##
    <int> <fctr> <int>
                          <chr>
                                       <ord>
                                                     <chr>
                                                                 <chr>
## 1 62172 female
                          Black High School NeverMarried 20000-24999
                    43
## 2 62178 male
                    80
                          White High School
                                                  Widowed
                                                               0-4999
## 3 62206 female
                    35
                          White Some College
                                                  Married 75000-99999
## 4 62208 male
                    38 Hispanic Some College
                                                  Married 35000-44999
## 5 62223
            male
                    54
                          Asian High School
                                                   Married
                                                                  <NA>
## 6 62231 female
                    48 Mexican High School
                                                   Married more 99999
## # ... with 8 more variables: Poverty <dbl>, Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>,
## #
      Height <dbl>, Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>,
## #
      PregnantNow <chr>
```

## Filter according to the value of a quantitative variable

Here we keep only the observational units with an Age of at least 22:

```
nhanes_fewer_obs_units <- nhanes %>%
filter(Age >= 22)
```

```
head(nhanes_fewer_obs_units)
## # A tibble: 6 x 15
                    Age Race
##
        ID Gender
                                 Education MaritalStatus
                                                            HHIncome Poverty
##
     <int> <fctr> <int> <chr>
                                     <ord>
                                                   <chr>>
                                                                <chr>
                                                                        <dbl>
## 1 62172 female
                  43 Black High School NeverMarried 20000-24999
                                                                        2.02
## 2 62174
           male
                                             Married 65000-74999
                                                                        4.30
                     80 White College Grad
## 3 62174
           male 80 White College Grad
                                                 Married 65000-74999
                                                                        4.30
## 4 62176 female
                                                 Married more 99999
                     34 White College Grad
                                                                        5.00
## 5 62178 male
                     80 White High School
                                                 Widowed
                                                              0-4999
                                                                        0.05
## 6 62180
            male
                     35 White College Grad
                                                 Married 20000-24999
                                                                        0.87
## # ... with 7 more variables: Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>, Height <dbl>,
      Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>, PregnantNow <chr>
## #
We could also use a variety of other conditions:
nhanes_fewer_obs_units <- nhanes %>%
    filter(Age < 22)</pre>
nhanes_fewer_obs_units <- nhanes %>%
    filter(Age <= 22)</pre>
nhanes_fewer_obs_units <- nhanes %>%
    filter(Age == 22)
```

```
nhanes_fewer_obs_units <- nhanes %>%
filter(Age > 22)
```

## Filter according to multiple conditions

If we have multiple conditions, they can be separated by commas in the call to the filter function:

```
nhanes_fewer_obs_units <- nhanes %>%
filter(Education == "High School" | Education == "Some College", Age > 22)
```

head(nhanes\_fewer\_obs\_units)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 15
##
                                    Education MaritalStatus
       ID Gender
                           Race
                                                               HHIncome
                   Age
##
     <int> <fctr> <int>
                           <chr>
                                        <ord>
                                                      <chr>
                                                                  <chr>
## 1 62172 female
                    43
                           Black High School NeverMarried 20000-24999
## 2 62178 male
                    80
                           White High School
                                                Widowed
                                                                 0 - 4999
## 3 62206 female
                    35
                           White Some College
                                                   Married 75000-99999
## 4 62208
            male
                    38 Hispanic Some College
                                                    Married 35000-44999
## 5 62223
                    54
                           Asian High School
            male
                                                    Married
                                                                   <NA>
## 6 62231 female
                    48 Mexican High School
                                                    Married more 99999
## # ... with 8 more variables: Poverty <dbl>, Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>,
## #
      Height <dbl>, Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>,
## #
      PregnantNow <chr>
```

#### c. arrange

The arrange function lets you sort the observational units in a data frame according to the values of one of the variables.

```
Sort in ascending order (the default)
```

nhanes\_sorted <- nhanes %>%
 arrange(Age)

```
head(nhanes_sorted)
```

| ## # A tibble: 6 x 15  |             |               |             |             |             |               |             |             |
|--|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| ##   | ID          | Gender        | Age         | Race        | Education   | MaritalStatus | HHIncome    | Poverty     |
| ##   | <int></int> | <fctr></fctr> | <int></int> | <chr></chr> | <ord></ord> | <chr></chr>   | <chr></chr> | <dbl></dbl> |
| ## 1   | 62435       | female        | 0           | White       | <na></na>   | <na></na>     | <na></na>   | NA          |
| ## 2   | 62451       | female        | 0           | White       | <na></na>   | <na></na>     | 0-4999      | 0.23        |
| ## 3   | 62468       | female        | 0           | Hispanic    | <na></na>   | <na></na>     | 20000-24999 | 0.89        |
| ## 4   | 62493       | female        | 0           | Other       | <na></na>   | <na></na>     | 35000-44999 | 2.65        |
| ## 5   | 62520       | male          | 0           | White       | <na></na>   | <na></na>     | 10000-14999 | 0.89        |
| ## 6   | 62656       | female        | 0           | Mexican     | <na></na>   | <na></na>     | 15000-19999 | 0.73        |
| <pre>## # with 7 more variables: Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>, Height <dbl>,</dbl></dbl></dbl></pre>           |             |               |             |             |             |               |             |             |
| <pre>## # Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>, PregnantNow <chr></chr></int></int></chr></pre> |             |               |             |             |             |               |             |             |
| head(nhanes)   |             |               |             |             |             |               |             |             |
| ## # A tibble, 6 x 15  |             |               |             |             |             |               |             |             |

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 15
                    Age Race
##
        ID Gender
                                 Education MaritalStatus
                                                             HHIncome Poverty
##
     <int> <fctr> <int> <chr>
                                     <ord>
                                                    <chr>
                                                                <chr>
                                                                        <dbl>
## 1 62163
             male
                     14 Asian
                                      <NA>
                                                     <NA>
                                                           more 99999
                                                                         4.07
                                                                         2.02
## 2 62172 female
                     43 Black High School NeverMarried 20000-24999
## 3 62174
            male
                     80 White College Grad
                                                 Married 65000-74999
                                                                         4.30
                                                                         4.30
## 4 62174
             male
                     80 White College Grad
                                                 Married 65000-74999
## 5 62175
            male
                    5 White
                                      <NA>
                                                     <NA> 10000-14999
                                                                         0.39
                                                                         5.00
## 6 62176 female
                     34 White College Grad
                                                 Married more 99999
```

## # ... with 7 more variables: Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>, Height <dbl>,
## # Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>, PregnantNow <chr>

# Sort in descending order

To sort in descending order, we wrap the variable we want to sort by in desc():

```
nhanes_sorted <- nhanes %>%
    arrange(desc(Age))
```

head(nhanes\_sorted)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 15
                                 Education MaritalStatus
##
       ID Gender
                 Age Race
                                                           HHIncome
##
    <int> <fctr> <int> <chr>
                                     <ord>
                                                  <chr>
                                                              <chr>
## 1 62174
          male
                 80 White
                             College Grad
                                                Married 65000-74999
## 2 62174
                 80 White
                             College Grad
                                                Married 65000-74999
           male
                 80 White
## 3 62178
           male
                               High School
                                                Widowed
                                                             0-4999
## 4 62256
          male 80 White
                                 8th Grade
                                                Married 20000-24999
## 5 62279
          male 80 Black 9 - 11th Grade
                                                Widowed
                                                               <NA>
## 6 62279 male 80 Black 9 - 11th Grade
                                                 Widowed
                                                               <NA>
## # ... with 8 more variables: Poverty <dbl>, Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>,
      Height <dbl>, Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>,
## #
## #
      PregnantNow <chr>
```

```
head(nhanes)
```

## # A tibble: 6 x 15 ## ID Gender Age Race Education MaritalStatus HHIncome Poverty ## <int> <fctr> <int> <chr> <chr> <ord> <chr> <dbl> ## 1 62163 male 14 Asian <NA> <NA> more 99999 4.07 ## 2 62172 female 43 Black High School NeverMarried 20000-24999 2.02 ## 3 62174 male 80 White College Grad Married 65000-74999 4.30 ## 4 62174 male 80 White College Grad Married 65000-74999 4.30 ## 5 62175 male <NA> 10000-14999 0.39 5 White <NA> ## 6 62176 female 34 White College Grad Married more 99999 5.00 ## # ... with 7 more variables: Weight <dbl>, Length <dbl>, Height <dbl>, ## # Diabetes <chr>, nPregnancies <int>, nBabies <int>, PregnantNow <chr>