

How can I find all unique combinations of two vectors in R?

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To find all unique combinations of two vectors in R, one can use the "expand.grid" function. This function takes in two or more vectors as inputs and generates a data frame containing all possible combinations of these vectors. The resulting data frame will have a row for each unique combination, with each column representing one of the input vectors. This method is useful for tasks such as creating test cases or exploring different combinations of variables in a dataset.

Find All Unique Combinations of Two Vectors in R

You can use one of the following methods to find all unique combinations of elements from two vectors in R:

Method 1: Use tidyr

```
library(tidyr)
```

```
#find unique combinations of elements from vector1  
and vector2
```

```
crossing(vector1, vector2)
```

Method 2: Use data.table

```
library(data.table)
```

```
#find unique combinations of elements from vector1  
and vector2
```

```
CJ(vector1, vector2, unique=TRUE)
```

The following examples show how to use each of these methods in practice.

Example 1: Find Unique Combinations Using tidyr

The following code shows how to find all unique combinations of elements between two vectors in R by using the `crossing()` function from the `tidyr` package:

```
library(tidyr)
```

```
#define vectors
```

```
region=c('North', 'South', 'East', 'West')
```

```
points=c(0, 5, 10)
```

```
#display all unique combinations of region and points
```

```
crossing(region, points)
```

```
# A tibble: 12 x 2
```

```
region points
```

```
1 East 0
```

```
2 East 5
```

```
3 East 10
```

```
4 North 0
```

```
5 North 5
```

6 North 10

7 South 0

8 South 5

9 South 10

10 West 0

11 West 5

12 West 10

The result is a data frame that displays all unique combinations of elements between the two vectors.

We can see that there are 12 unique combinations.

If you only want to know the number of unique combinations, you can wrap this function with the `nrow()` function:

```
library(tidyr)
```

```
#define vectors
```

```
region=c('North', 'South', 'East', 'West')
```

```
points=c(0, 5, 10)
```

```
#display number of unique combinations of region and points
```

```
nrow(crossing(region, points))
```

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Note that the `crossing()` function can be used with more than two vectors as well.

Simply provide the names of as many vectors as you'd like to the `crossing()` function to find the total number of unique combinations.

Example 2: Find Unique Combinations Using `data.table`

The following code shows how to find all unique combinations of elements between two vectors in R by using the `CJ()` function from the `data.table` package:

```
library(data.table)
```

```
#define vectors
```

```
region=c('North', 'South', 'East', 'West')
```

```
points=c(0, 5, 10)
```

```
#display all unique combinations of region and points
```

```
CJ(region, points, unique=TRUE)
```

region points

1: East 0

2: East 5

3: East 10

4: North 0

5: North 5

6: North 10

7: South 0

8: South 5

9: South 10

10: West 0

11: West 5

12: West 10

The result is a data frame that displays all unique combinations of elements between the two vectors.

Notice that the results from the `CJ()` function match the results from the `crossing()` function.

The `CJ()` function can also be used with more than two vectors as well.

Simply provide the names of as many vectors as you'd like to the `CJ()` function to find the total number of

unique combinations.

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