

# How can we calculate summary statistics in R using dplyr?

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Dplyr is a popular R package used for data manipulation and analysis. It provides a set of functions that can be used to calculate summary statistics in R. To calculate summary statistics, one must first import their data into R and load the dplyr package. The `group_by()` function can then be used to group the data by a specific variable. The `summarise()` function can then be used to calculate various summary statistics such as mean, median, standard deviation, and more. Additionally, dplyr also allows for the use of filters and pipes to further refine the data and calculate summary statistics for specific subsets. Overall, dplyr provides a convenient and efficient way to calculate summary statistics in R.

## Calculate Summary Statistics in R Using dplyr

You can use the following syntax to calculate summary statistics for all numeric variables in a data frame in R using functions from the dplyr package:

```
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
```

```
df %>% summarise(across(where(is.numeric), .fns =
list(min = min,
median = median,
mean = mean,
stdev = sd,
q25 = ~quantile(., 0.25),
q75 = ~quantile(., 0.75),
max = max))) %>%
pivot_longer(everything(), names_sep='_',
names_to=c('variable', '.value'))
```

The `summarise()` function comes from the `dplyr` package and is used to calculate summary statistics for variables.

The `pivot_longer()` function comes from the `tidyr` package and is used to format the output to make it easier to read.

This particular syntax calculates the following summary statistics for each numeric variable in a data frame:

Minimum value Median value Mean value Standard deviation 25th percentile 75th percentile Maximum value

The following example shows how to use this function in practice.

Example: Calculate Summary Statistics in R Using `dplyr`

Suppose we have the following data frame in R that contains information about various basketball players:

```
#create data frame
```

```
df <- data.frame(team=c('A', 'A', 'A', 'A', 'B', 'B', 'B', 'B'),  
points=c(12, 15, 19, 14, 24, 25, 39, 34),  
assists=c(6, 8, 8, 9, 12, 6, 8, 10),
```

```
rebounds=c(9, 9, 8, 10, 8, 4, 3, 3))
```

```
#view data frame
```

```
df
```

```
team points assists rebounds
```

```
1 A 12 6 9
```

```
2 A 15 8 9
```

```
3 A 19 8 8
```

```
4 A 14 9 10
```

```
5 B 24 12 8
```

```
6 B 25 6 4
```

```
7 B 39 8 3
```

```
8 B 34 10 3
```

We can use the following syntax to calculate summary statistics for each numeric variable in the data frame:

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
library(tidyr)
```

```
#calculate summary statistics for each numeric variable  
in data frame
```

```
df %>% summarise(across(where(is.numeric), .fns =  
list(min = min,
```

```

median = median,
mean = mean,
stdev = sd,
q25 = ~quantile(., 0.25),
q75 = ~quantile(., 0.75),
max = max))) %>%
pivot_longer(everything(), names_sep='_',
names_to=c('variable', '.value'))

```

**# A tibble: 3 x 8**

```
variable min median mean stdev q25 q75 max
```

```
1 points 12 21.5 22.8 9.74 14.8 27.2 39
```

```
2 assists 6 8 8.38 2.00 7.5 9.25 12
```

```
3 rebounds 3 8 6.75 2.92 3.75 9 10
```

**From the output we can see:**

**The minimum value in the points column is 12. The median value in the points column is 21.5. The mean value in the points column is 22.8.**

**And so on.**

**Note: In this example, we utilized the `dplyr across()`**

**function. You can find the complete documentation for this function .**

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