

Why does R give an error message “‘height’ must be a vector or a matrix” when using the function Fix?

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When using the function `Fix` in R, an error message may occur stating "'height' must be a vector or a matrix." This is because the `Fix` function is designed to only work with vectors or matrices, and it cannot process other types of data. Therefore, in order to use the `Fix` function successfully, the input must be a vector or a matrix. This error message serves as a reminder to ensure that the correct data type is being used for the `Fix` function to work properly.

Fix in R: 'height' must be a vector or a matrix

One error you may encounter in R is:

Error in `barplot.default(df)` : 'height' must be a vector or a matrix

This error occurs when you attempt to use the `barplot()` function to create a bar plot in R, yet you provide the name of a data frame instead of the name of a column within the data frame.

This tutorial shares exactly how to fix this error.

How to Reproduce the Error

Suppose we have the following data frame in R:

```
#create data frame
```

```
df <- data.frame(player=c('A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E'),  
points=c(17, 12, 8, 9, 25))
```

```
#view data frame  
df
```

```
player points
```

```
1 A 17
```

```
2 B 12
```

```
3 C 8
```

```
4 D 9
```

```
5 E 25
```

Now suppose we attempt to use the `barplot()` function to create a bar plot:

```
#attempt to create bar plot
```

```
barplot(df)
```

```
Error in barplot.default(df) : 'height' must be a vector or  
a matrix
```

We receive an error because we provided the name of a data frame in the `barplot()` function instead of the name of a data frame column.

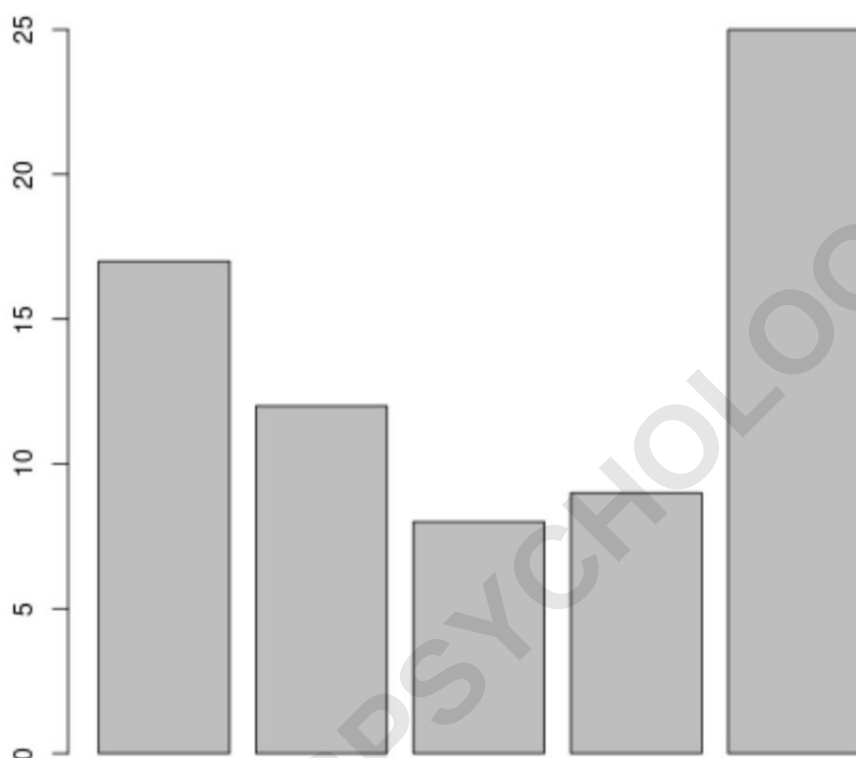
How to Fix the Error

The easiest way to fix this error is to simply provide a

name of a data frame column to the barplot() function:

#create bar plot to visualize values in points column

barplot(df\$points)

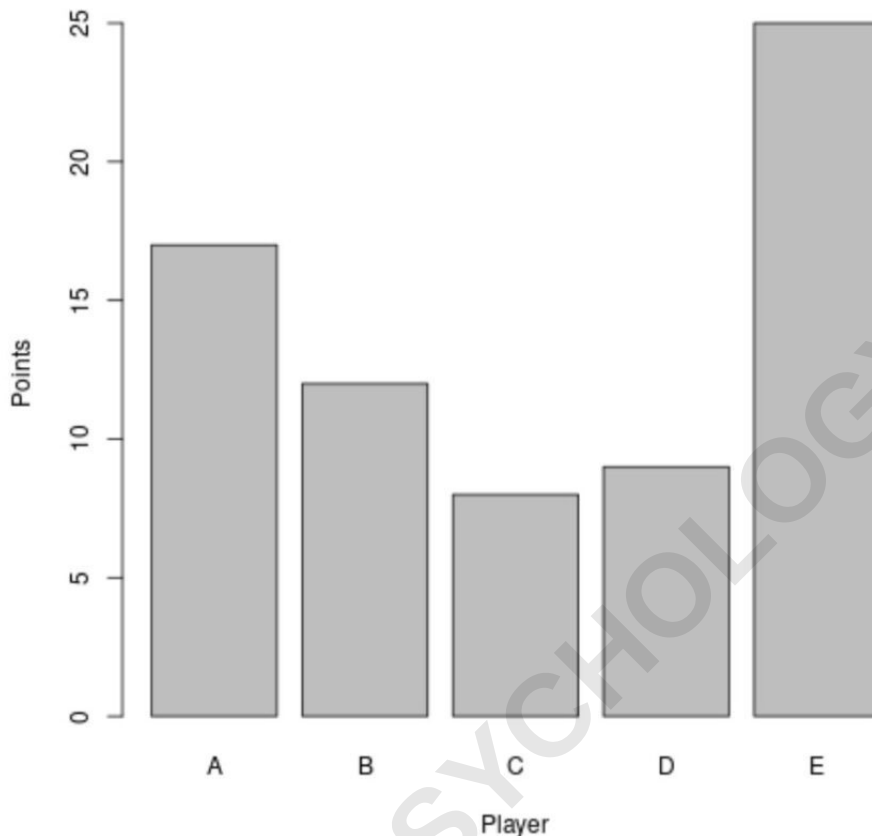


Notice that we don't receive any error this time since we provided the name of a data frame column to the barplot() function.

Also note that we can use the following syntax to add axis labels to the plot to make it easier to interpret:

#create bar plot with labels

```
barplot(df$points, names=df$player, xlab='Player',  
ylab='Points')
```



The x-axis displays the player names while the y-axis displays the points values for each player.

The following tutorials explain how to fix other common errors in R: