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# 1 Introduction

This documentation describes how to use H2O in the R environment. More information on H2O's system and algorithms (as well as R user documentation) is available at the H2O website at <http://docs.h2o.ai>.

R uses a REST API to connect to H2O. To use H2O in R or launch H2O from R, specify the IP address and port number of the H2O instance in the R environment . Datasets are not directly transmitted through the REST API. Instead, commands (for example, importing a dataset at specified HDFS location) are sent either through the browser or the REST API to perform the specified task.

The dataset is then assigned an identifier (the .hex file type in H2O) used as a reference in commands to the web server. After preparing the dataset for modeling by defining significant data and removing insignificant data, H2O creates a model that represents the results of the data analysis. These models are assigned IDs used as references in commands. One of the most popular models for data analysis is GLM.

GLM estimates regression models for outcomes following exponential distributions in general. In addition to the Gaussian (i.e. normal) distribution, these include binomial, gamma, Poisson, and Tweedie distributions. Each serves a different purpose, and depending on distribution and link function, can be used for prediction or classification.

This booklet demonstrates H2O's implementation of GLM in an R environment. For more information on GLM, refer to **Generalized Linear Modeling with H2O** at <http://h2o.ai/resources/>.

H2O supports Spark, YARN, and most versions of Hadoop. Hadoop is a scalable open-source file system that uses clusters for distributed storage and dataset processing. Depending on the size of your data, H2O can run on your desktop or scale using multiple nodes with Hadoop, an EC2 cluster, or S3 storage.

H2O nodes run as JVM invocations on Hadoop nodes. For performance reasons, we recommend that you do not run an H2O node on the same hardware as the Hadoop NameNode. Because H2O nodes run as mapper tasks in Hadoop, administrators can view them in the normal JobTracker and TaskTracker frameworks, providing process-level (i.e. JVM instance-level) visibility.

H2O helps R users make the leap from laptop-based processing to large-scale environments. Hadoop lets H2O users scale their data processing capabilities

based on their current needs. Using H2O, R, and Hadoop, you can create a complete end-to-end data analysis solution.

This document describes the four steps of data analysis with H2O:

1. installing H2O
2. preparing your data for modeling (data munging)
3. creating a model using simple but powerful machine learning algorithms
4. scoring your models

## 2 What is H2O?

H2O.ai is focused on bringing AI to businesses through software. Its flagship product is H2O, the leading open source platform that makes it easy for financial services, insurance companies, and healthcare companies to deploy AI and deep learning to solve complex problems. More than 9,000 organizations and 80,000+ data scientists depend on H2O for critical applications like predictive maintenance and operational intelligence. The company – which was recently named to the CB Insights AI 100 – is used by 169 Fortune 500 enterprises, including 8 of the world's 10 largest banks, 7 of the 10 largest insurance companies, and 4 of the top 10 healthcare companies. Notable customers include Capital One, Progressive Insurance, Transamerica, Comcast, Nielsen Catalina Solutions, Macy's, Walgreens, and Kaiser Permanente.

Using in-memory compression, H2O handles billions of data rows in-memory, even with a small cluster. To make it easier for non-engineers to create complete analytic workflows, H2O's platform includes interfaces for R, Python, Scala, Java, JSON, and CoffeeScript/JavaScript, as well as a built-in web interface, Flow. H2O is designed to run in standalone mode, on Hadoop, or within a Spark Cluster, and typically deploys within minutes.

H2O includes many common machine learning algorithms, such as generalized linear modeling (linear regression, logistic regression, etc.), Naïve Bayes, principal components analysis, k-means clustering, and word2vec. H2O implements best-in-class algorithms at scale, such as distributed random forest, gradient boosting, and deep learning. H2O also includes a Stacked Ensembles method, which finds the optimal combination of a collection of prediction algorithms using a process known as "stacking." With H2O, customers can build thousands of models and compare the results to get the best predictions.

H2O is nurturing a grassroots movement of physicists, mathematicians, and computer scientists to herald the new wave of discovery with data science by collaborating closely with academic researchers and industrial data scientists.

Stanford university giants Stephen Boyd, Trevor Hastie, and Rob Tibshirani advise the H2O team on building scalable machine learning algorithms. And with hundreds of meetups over the past several years, H2O continues to remain a word-of-mouth phenomenon.

### Try it out

- Download H2O directly at <http://h2o.ai/download>.
- Install H2O's R package from CRAN at <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/h2o/>.
- Install the Python package from PyPI at <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/h2o/>.

### Join the community

- To learn about our training sessions, hackathons, and product updates, visit <http://h2o.ai>.
- To learn about our meetups, visit <https://www.meetup.com/topics/h2o/all/>.
- Have questions? Post them on Stack Overflow using the **h2o** tag at <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/h2o>.
- Have a Google account (such as Gmail or Google+)? Join the open source community forum at <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/h2ostream>.
- Join the chat at <https://gitter.im/h2oai/h2o-3>.

## 3 Installation

H2O requires Java; if you do not already have Java installed, install it from <https://java.com/en/download/> before installing H2O.

To use H2O with R, start H2O outside of R and connect to it, or launch H2O from R. However, if you launch H2O from R and close the R session, the H2O session closes as well. The H2O session directs R to the datasets and models located in H2O.

This following sections describe:

- installing R
- installing H2O from R

## 3.1 Installing R

To download R:

1. Go to <http://cran.r-project.org/mirrors.html>.
2. Select your closest local mirror.
3. Select your operating system (Linux, OS X, or Windows).
4. Depending on your OS, download the appropriate file, along with any required packages.
5. When the download is complete, unzip the file and install.

## 3.2 Installing H2O from R

To load a recent H2O package from CRAN, run:

### Example in R

```
1 install.packages("h2o")
```

**Note:** The version of H2O in CRAN is often one release behind the current version.

For the latest recommended version, download the latest stable H2O-3 build from the H2O download page:

1. Go to <http://h2o.ai/download>.
2. Choose the latest stable H2O-3 build.
3. Click the “Install in R” tab.
4. Copy and paste the commands into your R session.

After H2O is installed on your system, verify the installation completed successfully by initializing H2O:

### Example in R

```
1 library(h2o)
2
3 #Start H2O on your local machine using all available
  cores
4 #By default, CRAN policies limit use to only 2 cores)
5 h2o.init(nthreads = -1)
6
7 #Get help
```

```
8 ?h2o.glm
9 ?h2o.gbm
10
11 #Show a demo
12 # demo(h2o.glm)
13 # demo(h2o.gbm)
```

### 3.3 Example Code

R code for the examples in this document is located here:

[http://github.com/h2oai/h2o-3/tree/master/h2o-docs/src/booklets/v2\\_2015/source/R\\_Vignette\\_code\\_examples](http://github.com/h2oai/h2o-3/tree/master/h2o-docs/src/booklets/v2_2015/source/R_Vignette_code_examples)

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## 4 H2O Initialization

This section describes how to launch H2O:

- from R
- from the command line
- on Hadoop

### 4.1 Launching from R

To specify the number of CPUs for the H2O session, use the `nthreads =` parameter in the `h2o.init` command. `-2` uses the CRAN default of 2 CPUs. `-1` uses all CPUs on the host, which is strongly recommended. To use a specific number of CPUs, enter a positive integer.

To specify the maximum amount of memory for the H2O session, use the `max_mem_size` parameter in the `h2o.init` command. The value must be a multiple of 1024 greater than 2MB. Append the letter `m` or `M` to indicate megabytes, or `g` or `G` to indicate gigabytes.

If you do not specify a value for `max_mem_size` when you run `h2o.init`, the default heap size of the H2O instance running on 32-bit Java is 1g.

For best performance, the allocated memory should be 4x the size of your data, but never more than the total amount of memory on your computer. For larger

datasets, we recommend running on a server or service with more memory available for computing.

H2O checks the Java version and suggests an upgrade if you are running 32-bit Java. On 64-bit Java, the heap size is 1/4 of the total memory available on the machine.

To launch H2O locally from R, run the following in R:

```
1 library(h2o)
2 # Starts H2O using localhost IP, port 54321, all CPUs,
  # and 4g of memory
3 h2o.init(ip = 'localhost', port = 54321, nthreads= -1,
  max_mem_size = '4g')
```

After successfully launching, R displays output similar to the following example:

```
1 Successfully connected to http://localhost:54321
2 R is connected to H2O cluster:
3   H2O cluster uptime:          11 minutes 35 seconds
4   H2O cluster version:        2.7.0.1497
5   H2O cluster name:           H2O_started_from_R
6   H2O cluster total nodes:    1
7   H2O cluster total memory:   3.56 GB
8   H2O cluster total cores:    8
9   H2O cluster allowed cores:  8
10  H2O cluster healthy:        TRUE
```

To launch H2O locally with default initialization arguments, use the following:

### Example in R

```
1 h2o.init()
```

To connect to an established H2O cluster (in a multi-node Hadoop environment, for example) specify the IP address and port number for the established cluster using the `ip` and `port` parameters in the `h2o.init()` command.

### Example in R

```
1 h2o.init(ip = "123.45.67.89", port = 54321)
```

## 4.2 Launching from the Command Line

A simple way to launch H2O from the command line is to download the H2O zip file from the H2O download page. Unzip and launch H2O with the following:

```
1 unzip h2o-3.5.0.1-*.zip
2 cd h2o-3.5.0.1-*
3 java -jar h2o.jar
```

See the H2O Documentation for additional JVM and H2O command line options. After launching the H2O instance, connect to it from R with `h2o.init()` as described above.

## 4.3 Launching on Hadoop

To launch H2O nodes and form a cluster on the Hadoop cluster, run:

```
1 hadoop jar h2odriver.jar -nodes 1 -mapperXmx 6g -
  output hdfsOutputDirName
```

- You must launch the Hadoop-specific H2O driver jar (`h2odriver.jar`) for your Hadoop distribution. Specific driver jar files are available for the following Hadoop versions:

|          |          |           |
|----------|----------|-----------|
| - cdh5.2 | - hdp2.1 | - mapr4.0 |
| - cdh5.3 | - hdp2.2 | - mapr5.0 |
| - cdh5.4 | - hdp2.3 | - mapr5.1 |
| - cdh5.5 | - hdp2.4 |           |
| - cdh5.6 | - hdp2.5 |           |
| - cdh5.7 |          |           |
| - cdh5.8 |          |           |

- The above command launches exactly one 6g node of H2O; however, we recommend launching the cluster with 4 times the memory of your data file.
- `mapperXmx` is the mapper size or the amount of memory allocated to each node.
- `nodes` is the number of nodes requested to form the cluster.
- `output` is the name of the directory created each time a H2O cluster is created so it is necessary for the name to be unique each time it is launched.

## 4.4 Checking Cluster Status

To check the status and health of the H2O cluster, use `h2o.clusterInfo()`.

### Example in R

```
1 library(h2o)
2 h2o.init()
3 h2o.clusterInfo()
```

An easy-to-read summary of information about the cluster displays.

```
1
2 R is connected to H2O cluster:
3   H2O cluster uptime:          43 minutes 43 seconds
4   H2O cluster version:        2.7.0.1497
5   H2O cluster name:           H2O_started_from_R
6   H2O cluster total nodes:     1
7   H2O cluster total memory:    3.56 GB
8   H2O cluster total cores:     8
9   H2O cluster allowed cores:   8
10  H2O cluster healthy:         TRUE
```

## 5 Data Preparation in R

The following section contains information about data preparation (also known as data munging) and some of the tools and methods available in H2O, as well as a data training example.

## 5.1 Notes

- Although it may seem like you are manipulating the data in R, once the data has been passed to H2O, all data munging occurs in the H2O instance. The information is passed to R through JSON APIs, so some functions may not have another method.
- You are limited by the total amount of memory allocated to the H2O instance, not by R's ability to handle data. To process large datasets, make sure to allocate enough memory. For more information, refer to **Launching from R**.
- You can manipulate datasets with thousands of factor levels using H2O in R, so if you ask H2O to display a table in R with information from high cardinality factors, the results may overwhelm R's capacity.
- To manipulate data in R and not in H2O, use `as.data.frame()`, `as.h2o()`, and `str()`.
  - `as.data.frame()` converts an H2O data frame into an R data frame. If your request exceeds the amount of data supported by R, the R session will crash. If possible, we recommend only taking subsets of the entire dataset (the necessary data columns or rows) instead of the whole dataset.
  - `as.h2o()` transfers data from R to the H2O instance. For successful data transfer, we recommend confirming enough memory is allocated to the H2O instance.
  - `str.H2OFrame()` returns the elements of the new object to confirm that the data transferred correctly. It's a good way to verify there were no data loss or conversion issues.

## 6 Models

The following section describes the features and functions of some common models available in H2O. For more information about running these models in R using H2O, refer to **Running Models**.

H2O supports the following models:

- Deep Learning
- Naïve Bayes
- Principal Components Analysis (PCA)
- K-means
- Stacked Ensembles
- Generalized Linear Models (GLM)
- Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM)
- Generalized Low Rank Model (GLRM)
- Distributed Random Forest (DRF)
- Word2vec

The list is growing quickly, so check [www.h2o.ai](http://www.h2o.ai) to see the latest additions. The following list describes some common model types and features.

### 6.1 Supervised Learning

**Generalized Linear Models (GLM):** Provides flexible generalization of ordinary linear regression for response variables with error distribution models other than a Gaussian (normal) distribution. GLM unifies various other statistical models, including Poisson, linear, logistic, and others when using  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  regularization.

**Distributed Random Forest (DRF):** Averages multiple decision trees, each created on different random samples of rows and columns. It is easy to use, non-linear, and provides feedback on the importance of each predictor in the model, making it one of the most robust algorithms for noisy data.

**Gradient Boosting (GBM):** Produces a prediction model in the form of an ensemble of weak prediction models. It builds the model in a stage-wise fashion and is generalized by allowing an arbitrary differentiable loss function. It is one of the most powerful methods available today.

**Deep Learning:** Models high-level abstractions in data by using non-linear transformations in a layer-by-layer method. Deep learning is an example of supervised learning, which can use unlabeled data that other algorithms cannot.

**Naïve Bayes:** Generates a probabilistic classifier that assumes the value of a particular feature is unrelated to the presence or absence of any other feature, given the class variable. It is often used in text categorization.

**Stacked Ensembles:** Using multiple models built from different algorithms, Stacked Ensembles finds the optimal combination of a collection of prediction algorithms using a process known as "stacking."

**XGBoost:** XGBoost is an optimized gradient boosting library that implements machine learning algorithms under the Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM) framework. For many problems, XGBoost is the one of the best GBM frameworks today. In other cases, the H2O GBM algorithm comes out on top. Both implementations are available on the H2O platform.

## 6.2 Unsupervised Learning

**K-means:** Reveals groups or clusters of data points for segmentation. It clusters observations into  $k$ -number of points with the nearest mean.

**Anomaly Detection:** Identifies the outliers in your data by invoking the deep learning autoencoder, a powerful pattern recognition model.

## 6.3 Miscellaneous

**Word2vec:** Takes a text corpus as an input and produces the word vectors as output. The result is an H2O Word2vec model that can be exported as a binary model or as a MOJO.

## 6.4 Modeling Constructs

**Grid Search:** Performs standard hyper-parameter optimization to simplify model configuration.

After creating a model, use it to make predictions. For more information about predictions, refer to **Predictions**.

# 7 Demo: GLM

The following demo demonstrates how to:

1. Import a file
2. Define significant data
3. View data
4. Create testing and training sets using sampling
5. Define the model
6. Display the results

```
1 # Import dataset and display summary
```

```
2 library(h2o)
3 h2o.init()
4 airlinesURL = "https://s3.amazonaws.com/h2o-airlines-
  unpacked/allyears2k.csv"
5 airlines.hex = h2o.importFile(path = airlinesURL,
  destination_frame = "airlines.hex")
6 summary(airlines.hex)
7
8 # View quantiles and histograms
9 #high_na_columns = h2o.ignoreColumns(data = airlines.
  hex)
10 quantile(x = airlines.hex$ArrDelay, na.rm = TRUE)
11 h2o.hist(airlines.hex$ArrDelay)
12
13 # Find number of flights by airport
14 originFlights = h2o.group_by(data = airlines.hex, by =
  "Origin", nrow("Origin"),gb.control=list(na.
  methods="rm"))
15 originFlights.R = as.data.frame(originFlights)
16
17 # Find number of flights per month
18 flightsByMonth = h2o.group_by(data = airlines.hex, by
  = "Month", nrow("Month"),gb.control=list(na.
  methods="rm"))
19 flightsByMonth.R = as.data.frame(flightsByMonth)
20
21 # Find months with the highest cancellation ratio
22 which(colnames(airlines.hex)== "Cancelled")
23 cancellationsByMonth = h2o.group_by(data = airlines.
  hex, by = "Month", sum("Cancelled"),gb.control=
  list(na.methods="rm"))
24 cancellation_rate = cancellationsByMonth$sum_Cancelled
  /flightsByMonth$nrow
25 rates_table = h2o.cbind(flightsByMonth$Month,
  cancellation_rate)
26 rates_table.R = as.data.frame(rates_table)
27
28 # Construct test and train sets using sampling
29 airlines.split = h2o.splitFrame(data = airlines.hex,
  ratios = 0.85)
30 airlines.train = airlines.split[[1]]
31 airlines.test = airlines.split[[2]]
```

```
32
33 # Display a summary using table-like functions
34 h2o.table(airlines.train$Cancelled)
35 h2o.table(airlines.test$Cancelled)
36
37 # Set predictor and response variables
38 Y = "IsDepDelayed"
39 X = c("Origin", "Dest", "DayofMonth", "Year", "
      UniqueCarrier", "DayOfWeek", "Month", "DepTime", "
      ArrTime", "Distance")
40 # Define the data for the model and display the
      results
41 airlines.glm <- h2o.glm(training_frame=airlines.train,
      x=X, y=Y, family = "binomial", alpha = 0.5)
42 # View model information: training statistics,
      performance, important variables
43 summary(airlines.glm)
44
45 # Predict using GLM model
46 pred = h2o.predict(object = airlines.glm, newdata =
      airlines.test)
47 # Look at summary of predictions: probability of TRUE
      class (p1)
48 summary(pred$p1)
```

## 8 Data Manipulation in R

The following section describes some common R commands. For a complete command list, including parameters, refer to [http://h2o-release.s3.amazonaws.com/h2o/latest\\_stable\\_Rdoc.html](http://h2o-release.s3.amazonaws.com/h2o/latest_stable_Rdoc.html).

For additional help within R's Help tab, precede the command with a question mark (for example, `?h2o`) for suggested commands containing the search terms. For more information on a command, precede the command with two question marks (`??h2o`).

### 8.1 Importing Files

The H2O package consolidates all of the various supported import functions using `h2o.importFile()`. There are a few ways to import files shown in the following examples:

#### Example in R

```
1 #To import small iris data file from H2O's package:
2 irisPath = system.file("extdata", "iris.csv", package=
   "h2o")
3 iris.hex = h2o.importFile(path = irisPath, destination
   _frame = "iris.hex")
4
5 #To import an entire folder of files as one data
   object:
6 # pathToFolder = "/Users/data/airlines/"
7 # airlines.hex = h2o.importFile(path = pathToFolder,
   destination_frame = "airlines.hex")
8
9 #To import from HDFS and connect to H2O in R using the
   IP and port of an H2O instance running on your
   Hadoop cluster:
10 # h2o.init(ip= <IPAddress>, port =54321, nthreads =
   -1)
11 # pathToData = "hdfs://mr-0xd6.h2oai.loc/datasets/
   airlines_all.csv"
12 # airlines.hex = h2o.importFile(path = pathToData,
   destination_frame = "airlines.hex")
```

### 8.2 Uploading Files

To upload a file in a directory local or remote to your H2O cluster, use `h2o.importFile()`, which is a parallel/distributed read of the data (this is

the recommended option). This requires the data to be visible to all H2O nodes in a multi-node cluster. `h2o.uploadFile()` uploads data local to your H2O cluster as well as uploading data local to your R session. The data only needs to be on the client machine (rather than all the nodes on the H2O cluster), and the upload is single threaded. In the parentheses, specify the H2O reference object in R and the complete URL or normalized file path for the file.

### Example in R

```
1 irisPath = system.file("extdata", "iris.csv", package="h2o")
2 iris.hex = h2o.uploadFile(path = irisPath, destination
   _frame = "iris.hex")
```

## 8.3 Finding Factors

To determine if any column contains categorical data (also known as a factor), use `h2o.anyFactor()`, with the R reference object in the parentheses.

### Example in R

```
1 irisPath = system.file("extdata", "iris_wheader.csv",
   package="h2o")
2 iris.hex = h2o.importFile(path = irisPath)
3 h2o.anyFactor(iris.hex)
```

## 8.4 Converting to Factors

To convert an integer into a non-ordered factor (also called an enum or categorical), use `as.factor()` with the name of the R reference object in parentheses, followed by the number of the column to convert in brackets.

### Example in R

```
1 # Import prostate data
2 prosPath <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv",
   package="h2o")
3 prostate.hex <- h2o.importFile(path = prosPath)
4
5 # Converts column 4 (RACE) to an enum
6 as.factor(prostate.hex[, 4])
7
8 prostate.hex[, 4] <- as.factor(prostate.hex[, 4])
9 as.factor(prostate.hex[, 4])
10
```

```
11 # Summary will return a count of the factors
12 summary(prostate.hex[, 4])
```

## 8.5 Converting Data Frames

To convert an H2O parsed data object into an R data frame that can be manipulated using R commands, use `as.data.frame()` with the name of the R reference object in the parentheses. **Caution:** While this can be very useful, be careful when using this command to convert H2O parsed data objects. H2O can easily handle datasets that are often too large to be handled equivalently well in R.

### Example in R

```
1 # Creates object that defines path
2 prosPath <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv",
3   package="h2o")
4 # Imports data set
5 prostate.hex = h2o.importFile(path = prosPath,
6   destination_frame="prostate.hex")
7 # Converts current data frame (prostate data set) to
8   an R data frame
9 prostate.R <- as.data.frame(prostate.hex)
10 # Displays a summary of data frame where the summary
11   was executed in R
12 summary(prostate.R)
```

## 8.6 Transferring Data Frames

To transfer a data frame from the R environment to the H2O instance, use `as.h2o()`. In the parentheses, specify the object in the R environment to convert to an H2O object. Optionally, include the name of the destination frame in H2O. Precede the destination frame name with `destination_frame =` and enclose the name in quotes as in the following example.

### Example in R

```
1 # Import the iris data into H2O
2 data(iris)
3 iris
4
5 # Converts R object "iris" into H2O object "iris.hex"
```

```
6 iris.hex = as.h2o(iris, destination_frame= "iris.hex")
7
8 head(iris.hex)
```

## 8.7 Renaming Data Frames

To rename a dataframe on the server running H2O for a dataset manipulated in R, use `h2o.assign()`. In the following example, the prostate dataset was uploaded to the H2O instance and the data was manipulated to remove outliers. `h2o.assign()` saves the new dataset on the H2O server so it can be analyzed using H2O without overwriting the original dataset.

### Example in R

```
1 prosPath <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv",
2   package="h2o")
3 prostate.hex<-h2o.importFile(path = prosPath)
4 ## Assign a new name to prostate dataset in the KV
5 store
6 h2o.ls()
7 prostate.hex <- h2o.assign(data = prostate.hex, key =
8   "myNewName")
9 h2o.ls()
```

## 8.8 Viewing Column Names

To view a list of the column names in the dataset, use `colnames()` or `names()` with the name of the R reference object in the parentheses.

**Example in R**

```
1 ##Displays the titles of the columns
2 > colnames(iris.hex)
3 [1] "Sepal.Length" "Sepal.Width" "Petal.Length" "
   Petal.Width" "Species"
4 > names(iris.hex)
5 [1] "Sepal.Length" "Sepal.Width" "Petal.Length" "
   Petal.Width" "Species"
```

## 8.9 Getting Minimum and Maximum Values

To view the maximum values for the real-valued columns in a dataset, use `max()` with the name of the R reference object in the parentheses. To obtain the minimum values for the real-valued columns in a dataset, use `min()` with the name of the R reference object in the parentheses.

**Example in R**

```
1 > min(prostate.hex$AGE)
2 [1] 43
3 > max(prostate.hex$AGE)
4 [1] 79
```

## 8.10 Getting Quantiles

To request quantiles for an H2O parsed dataset, use `quantile()` with the name of the R reference object in the parentheses.

Use `quantile(ReferenceObject$ColumnName)`, where `ReferenceObject` represents the R reference object name and `ColumnName` represents the name of the specified column to request a quantile for a single numerical column.

When you request quantiles for a full parsed dataset consisting of a single column, `quantile()` displays a matrix with quantile information for the dataset.

**Example in R**

```

1 prosPath <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv",
2   package="h2o")
3 prostate.hex <- h2o.importFile(path = prosPath)
4 # Returns the percentiles at 0, 10, 20, ..., 100%
5 prostate.qs <- quantile(prostate.hex$PSA, probs =
6   (1:10)/10)
7 prostate.qs
8 # Take the outliers or the bottom and top 10% of data
9 PSA.outliers <- prostate.hex[prostate.hex$PSA <=
10  prostate.qs["10%"] | prostate.hex$PSA >=
11  prostate.qs["90%"],]
12 # Check that the number of rows return is about 20% of
13  the original data
14 nrow(prostate.hex)
15 nrow(PSA.outliers)
16 nrow(PSA.outliers)/nrow(prostate.hex)

```

**8.11 Summarizing Data**

To generate a summary similar to the one in R for each of the columns in the dataset, use `summary()` with the name of the R reference object in the parentheses.

For continuous real functions, this produces a summary that includes information on quartiles, min, max, and mean. For factors, this produces information about counts of elements within each factor level.

**Example in R**

```

1 > summary(prostate.hex)
2 ID                CAPSULE                AGE                RACE
3   Min.   : 1.00   Min.   :0.0000   Min.   :43.00   Min.
4   :0.000   Min.   :1.000
5 1st Qu.: 95.75   1st Qu.:0.0000   1st Qu.:62.00   1st Qu
6   :1.000   1st Qu.:1.000
7 Median :190.50   Median :0.0000   Median :67.00   Median
8   :1.000   Median :2.000
9 Mean   :190.50   Mean   :0.4026   Mean   :66.04   Mean
10  :1.087   Mean   :2.271

```

```

7  3rd Qu.:285.25   3rd Qu.:1.0000   3rd Qu.:71.00   3rd Qu
   .:1.000   3rd Qu.:3.000
8  Max.   :380.00   Max.    :1.0000   Max.    :79.00   Max.
   :2.000   Max.    :4.000
9  DCAPS          PSA          VOL          GLEASON
10 Min.    :1.000   Min.    : 0.300   Min.    : 0.00   Min.
   :0.000
11 1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.: 4.900   1st Qu.: 0.00   1st Qu
   .:6.000
12 Median :1.000   Median  : 8.664   Median  :14.20   Median
   :6.000
13 Mean   :1.108   Mean    :15.409   Mean    :15.81   Mean
   :6.384
14 3rd Qu.:1.000   3rd Qu.:17.063   3rd Qu.:26.40   3rd Qu
   .:7.000
15 Max.   :2.000   Max.    :139.700   Max.    :97.60   Max.
   :9.000

```

## 8.12 Summarizing Data in a Table

To summarize data, use `h2o.table()`. Because H2O can handle larger datasets, it is possible to generate tables that are larger than R's capacity, so use caution when executing this command. To summarize multiple columns, use `head(h2o.table (ObjectName[, c(ColumnNumber, ColumnNumber)]))`, where `ObjectName` is the name of the object in R and `ColumnNumber` is the number of the column.

### Example in R

```

1
2 # Counts of the ages of all patients
3 > head(as.data.frame(h2o.table(prostate.hex[, "AGE"])))
4   AGE Count
5 1   43     1
6 2   47     1
7 3   50     2
8 4   51     3
9 5   52     2
10 6   53     4
11
12 # Two-way table of ages (rows) and race (cols) of all
   patients
13 # Example: For the first row there is one count of a
   43 year old that's labeled as RACE = 0

```

```

14 > h2o.table(prostate.hex[,c("AGE", "RACE")])
15 H2OFrame with 53 rows and 3 columns
16
17 First 10 rows:
18     AGE RACE count
19 1    53    1     3
20 2    61    1    12
21 3    70    0     1
22 4    75    1    11
23 5    74    1    13
24 6    76    2     1
25 7    53    2     1
26 8    52    1     2
27 9    61    2     1
28 10   60    1     9

```

## 8.13 Generating Random Numbers

To append a column of random numbers to an H2O data frame for testing/training data splits that are used for analysis and validation in H2O, use `h2o.runif()` with the name of the R reference object in the parentheses. This method is best for customized frame splitting; otherwise, use `h2o.splitFrame()`. However, `h2o.runif()` is not as fast or stable as `h2o.splitFrame()`.

### Example in R

```

1 > prosPath <- system.file("extdata", "prostate.csv",
2   package="h2o")
3
4 ## Creates object for uniform distribution on prostate
5 data set
6 > s <- h2o.runif(prostate.hex)
7 > summary(s) ## Summarize the results of h2o.runif
8 rnd
9 Min. :0.000863
10 1st Qu.:0.239763
11 Median :0.507936
12 Mean :0.506718
13 3rd Qu.:0.765194
14 Max. :0.993178
## Create training set with threshold of 0.8

```

```
15 > prostate.train <- prostate.hex[s <= 0.8,]
16 ##Assign name to training set
17 > prostate.train <- h2o.assign(prostate.train, "
   prostate.train")
18 ## Create test set with threshold to filter values
   greater than 0.8
19 > prostate.test <- prostate.hex[s > 0.8,]
20 ## Assign name to test set
21 > prostate.test <- h2o.assign(prostate.test, "prostate
   .test")
22 ## Combine results of test & training sets, then
   display result
23 > nrow(prostate.train) + nrow(prostate.test)
24 [1] 380
25 > nrow(prostate.hex) ## Matches the full set
26 [1] 380
```

## 8.14 Splitting Frames

To generate two subsets (according to specified ratios) from an existing H2O dataset for testing/training, use `h2o.splitFrame()`, which returns contiguous sections of the data without random sampling.

**Note:** `h2o.splitFrame()` does not give an exact split. H2O is designed to be efficient on big data using a probabilistic splitting method rather than an exact split. For example specifying a split of 0.75/0.25, H2O will produce a test/train split with an expected value of 0.75/0.25 rather than exactly 0.75/0.25. On small datasets, the sizes of the resulting splits will deviate from the expected value more than on big data, where they will be very close to exact.

**Example in R**

```

1 # Splits data in prostate data frame with a ratio of
  0.75
2 prostate.split <- h2o.splitFrame(data = prostate.hex ,
  ratios = 0.75)
3 # Creates training set from 1st data set in split
4 prostate.train <- prostate.split[[1]]
5 # Creates testing set from 2st data set in split
6 prostate.test <- prostate.split[[2]]

```

## 8.15 Getting Frames

To create a reference object to the data frame in H2O, use `h2o.getFrame()`. This is helpful for switching between the web UI and the R API or for multiple users accessing the same H2O instance. The following example assumes `prostate.hex` is in the key-value (KV) store.

**Example in R**

```

1 prostate.hex <- h2o.getFrame(id = "prostate.hex")

```

## 8.16 Getting Models

To create a reference object for the model in H2O, use `h2o.getModel()`. This is helpful for users that alternate between the web UI and the R API or multiple users accessing the same H2O instance.

In the following example, it is assumed that a GBM with the ID `GBM_8e4591a9b413407b983d73fbd9eb44cf` is in the key-value (KV) store.

**Example in R**

```

1 gbm.model <- h2o.getModel(model_id = "GBM_8
  e4591a9b413407b983d73fbd9eb44cf")

```

## 8.17 Listing H2O Objects

To generate a list of all H2O objects generated during a session and each object's size in bytes, use `h2o.ls()`.

**Example in R**

```

1 > h2o.ls()
2

```

| Key | Bytesize |
|-----|----------|
|-----|----------|

|   |   |                                      |       |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 3 | 1 | GBM_8e4591a9b413407b983d73fbd9eb44cf | 40617 |
| 4 | 2 | GBM_a3ae2edf5dfadbd9ba5dc2e9560c405d | 1516  |

## 8.18 Removing H2O Objects

To remove an H2O object on the server associated with the object in the R environment, use `h2o.rm()`. For optimal performance, we recommend removing the object from the R environment as well using `remove()`, with the name of the object in the parentheses. If you do not specify an R environment, then the current environment is used.

### Example in R

```
1 h2o.rm(c("prostate.train", "prostate.test"))
2 h2o.ls()
```

## 8.19 Adding Functions

User-defined functions no longer need to be added explicitly to the H2O instance. An R function can be defined and executed against an `H2OFrame`.

### Example in R

```
1 # Create an R functional expression
2 > simpleFun <- function(x) { 2*x + 5 }
3 # Evaluate the expression across prostate's AGE column
4 > calculated <- simpleFun(prostate.hex[, "AGE"])
5 > h2o.cbind(prostate.hex[, "AGE"], calculated)
6
7 H2OFrame with 380 rows and 2 columns
8
9 First 10 rows:
10   AGE AGE0
11  1   65  135
12  2   72  149
13  3   70  145
14  4   76  157
15  5   69  143
16  6   71  147
17  7   68  141
18  8   61  127
19  9   69  143
20 10   68  141
```

## 9 Running Models

This section describes how to run the following model types:

- Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM)
- Generalized Linear Models (GLM)
- K-means
- Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

as well as how to generate predictions.

### 9.1 Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM)

To generate gradient boosted models for developing forward-learning ensembles, use `h2o.gbm()`. In the parentheses, define  $x$  (the predictor variable vector),  $y$  (the integer or categorical response variable), the distribution type (multinomial is the default, gaussian is used for regression), and the name of the `H2OParsedData` object. For more information, use `help(h2o.gbm)`.

#### Example in R

```

1 > library(h2o)
2 > h2o.init(nthreads = -1)
3 > data(iris)
4 > iris.hex <- as.h2o(iris, destination_frame = "iris.
   hex")
5 > iris.gbm <- h2o.gbm(y = 1, x = 2:5, training_frame =
   iris.hex, ntrees = 10,
6     max_depth = 3, min_rows = 2, learn_rate = 0.2,
   distribution= "gaussian")
7
8 # To obtain the Mean-squared Error by tree from the
   model object:
9 > iris.gbm@model$scoring_history
10 Scoring History:
11           timestamp    duration number_of_trees
12 1  2015-09-11 09:50:16  0.005 sec                1
13   0.47256                0.47256
14 2  2015-09-11 09:50:16  0.008 sec                2
15   0.33494                0.33494
16 3  2015-09-11 09:50:16  0.011 sec                3
17   0.24291                0.24291

```

|    |    |                     |           |    |
|----|----|---------------------|-----------|----|
| 15 | 4  | 2015-09-11 09:50:16 | 0.014 sec | 4  |
|    |    | 0.18414             | 0.18414   |    |
| 16 | 5  | 2015-09-11 09:50:16 | 0.017 sec | 5  |
|    |    | 0.14363             | 0.14363   |    |
| 17 | 6  | 2015-09-11 09:50:16 | 0.020 sec | 6  |
|    |    | 0.11677             | 0.11677   |    |
| 18 | 7  | 2015-09-11 09:50:16 | 0.023 sec | 7  |
|    |    | 0.09916             | 0.09916   |    |
| 19 | 8  | 2015-09-11 09:50:16 | 0.026 sec | 8  |
|    |    | 0.08649             | 0.08649   |    |
| 20 | 9  | 2015-09-11 09:50:16 | 0.029 sec | 9  |
|    |    | 0.07761             | 0.07761   |    |
| 21 | 10 | 2015-09-11 09:50:16 | 0.032 sec | 10 |
|    |    | 0.07071             | 0.07071   |    |

To generate a classification model that uses labels, use `distribution="multinomial"`:

### Example in R

```

1 > iris.gbm2 <- h2o.gbm(y = 5, x = 1:4, training_frame
2   = iris.hex, ntrees = 15, max_depth = 5, min_rows =
3   2, learn_rate = 0.01, distribution= "multinomial"
4   )
5
6 > iris.gbm2@model$training_metrics
7
8 H2OMultinomialMetrics: gbm
9 ** Reported on training data. **
10
11 Training Set Metrics:
12 =====
13 Extract training frame with `h2o.getFrame("iris.hex")`
14 MSE: (Extract with `h2o.mse`) 0.3293958
15 R^2: (Extract with `h2o.r2`) 0.5059063
16 Logloss: (Extract with `h2o.logloss`) 0.8533637
17 Confusion Matrix: Extract with `h2o.confusionMatrix(<
   model>,train=TRUE)`
18 =====
19
20           setosa versicolor virginica      Error
21           Rate

```

```

18 | setosa          50          0          0 0.00000000 0 /
    |      50
19 | versicolor     0          49          1 0.02000000 1 /
    |      50
20 | virginica      0          1          49 0.02000000 1 /
    |      50
21 | Totals         50         50         50 0.01333333 2 /
    |      150
22 |
23 | Hit Ratio Table: Extract with `h2o.hit_ratio_table(<
    |      model>,train=TRUE)`
24 | =====
25 | Top-3 Hit Ratios:
26 |   k hit_ratio
27 | 1 1  0.986667
28 | 2 2  1.000000
29 | 3 3  1.000000

```

## 9.2 Generalized Linear Models (GLM)

Generalized linear models (GLM) are some of the most commonly-used models for many types of data analysis use cases. While some data can be analyzed using general linear models, general linear models may not be as accurate if the variables are more complex. For example, if the dependent variable has a non-continuous distribution or if the effect of the predictors is not linear, generalized linear models will produce more accurate results than general linear models.

Generalized Linear Models (GLM) estimate regression models for outcomes following exponential distributions in general. In addition to the Gaussian (i.e. normal) distribution, these include Poisson, binomial, gamma and Tweedie distributions. Each serves a different purpose, and depending on distribution and link function choice, it can be used either for prediction or classification.

H2O's GLM algorithm fits the generalized linear model with elastic net penalties. The model fitting computation is distributed, extremely fast, and scales extremely well for models with a limited number ( $\sim$  low thousands) of predictors with non-zero coefficients. The algorithm can compute models for a single value of a penalty argument or the full regularization path, similar to `glmnet`. It can compute Gaussian (linear), logistic, Poisson, and gamma regression models.

To generate a generalized linear model for developing linear models for exponential distributions, use `h2o.glm()`. You can apply regularization to the model by adjusting the `lambda` and `alpha` parameters. For more information, use `help(h2o.glm)`.

### Example in R

```

1 > prostate.hex <- h2o.importFile(path = "https://raw.
  github.com/h2oai/h2o/master/smalldata/logreg/
  prostate.csv" , destination_frame = "prostate.hex"
  )
2
3 > prostate.glm<-h2o.glm(y = "CAPSULE", x = c("AGE", "
  RACE", "PSA", "DCAPS"), training_frame = prostate.
  hex, family = "binomial", nfolds = 10, alpha =
  0.5)
4 > prostate.glm@model$cross_validation_metrics
5 H2OBinomialMetrics: glm
6 ** Reported on cross-validation data. **
7 Description: 10-fold cross-validation on training data
8 MSE: 0.2093902
9 R^2: 0.1294247
10 LogLoss: 0.6095525
11 AUC: 0.6909965
12 Gini: 0.381993
13 Null Deviance: 513.8229
14 Residual Deviance: 463.2599
15 AIC: 473.2599
16 Confusion Matrix for F1-optimal threshold:
17      0    1   Error   Rate
18 0    122 105 0.462555 =105/227
19 1     41 112 0.267974 =41/153
20 Totals 163 217 0.384211 =146/380
21 Maximum Metrics:
22      metric threshold   value idx
23 1      max f1 0.312978 0.605405 216
24 2      max f2 0.138305 0.772727 377
25 3      max f0point5 0.400689 0.628141 110
26 4      max accuracy 0.400689 0.700000 110
27 5      max precision 0.998848 1.000000 0
28 6      max absolute_MCC 0.400689 0.357638 110
29 7 max min_per_class_accuracy 0.330976 0.621145 181

```

## 9.3 K-means

To generate a K-means model for data characterization, use `h2o.kmeans()`. This algorithm does not rely on a dependent variable. For more information, use `help(h2o.kmeans)`.

### Example in R

```

1 > h2o.kmeans(training_frame = iris.hex, k = 3, x =
    1:4)
2 Model Details:
3 =====
4 H2OClusteringModel: kmeans
5 Model ID: K-means_model_R_1441989204383_30
6 Model Summary:
7   number_of_rows number_of_clusters number_of_
      categorical_columns number_of_iterations within_
      cluster_sum_of_squares
8 1                150                    3
      0
      139.09920
9   total_sum_of_squares between_cluster_sum_of_squares
10 1                596.00000                456.90080
11 H2OClusteringMetrics: kmeans
12 ** Reported on training data. **
13 Total Within SS: 139.0992
14 Between SS: 456.9008
15 Total SS: 596
16 Centroid Statistics:
17   centroid      size within_cluster_sum_of_squares
18 1          1 44.00000                43.34674
19 2          2 50.00000                47.35062
20 3          3 56.00000                48.40184

```

## 9.4 Principal Components Analysis (PCA)

To map a set of variables onto a subspace using linear transformations, use `h2o.pcomp()`. This is the first step in Principal Components Regression. For more information, use `help(h2o.pcomp)`.

### Example in R

```

1 > ausPath = system.file("extdata", "australia.csv",
    package="h2o")
2 > australia.hex = h2o.importFile(path = ausPath)

```

```

3 > australia.pca <- h2o.prcomp(training_frame =
      australia.hex, transform = "STANDARDIZE",k = 3)
4 > australia.pca
5 Model Details:
6 =====
7 H2ODimReductionModel: pca
8 Model Key: PCA_model_R_1441989204383_36
9 Importance of components:
10
11                pc1        pc2        pc3
12 Standard deviation  1.750703  1.512142  1.031181
13 Proportion of Variance 0.383120  0.285822  0.132917
14 Cumulative Proportion 0.383120  0.668942  0.801859

```

## 9.5 Predictions

The following section describes some of the prediction methods available in H2O.

**Predict:** Generate outcomes of a dataset with any model. Predict with GLM, GBM, Decision Trees or Deep Learning models.

**Confusion Matrix:** Visualize the performance of an algorithm in a table to understand how a model performs.

**Area Under Curve (AUC):** A graphical plot to visualize the performance of a model by its sensitivity, true positives and false positives to select the best model.

**Hit Ratio:** A classification matrix to visualize the ratio of the number of correctly classified and incorrectly classified cases.

**PCA Score:** Determine how well your feature selection fits a particular model.

**Multi-Model Scoring:** Compare and contrast multiple models on a dataset to find the best performer to deploy into production.

To apply an H2O model to a holdout set for predictions based on model results, use `h2o.predict()`. In the following example, H2O generates a model and then displays the predictions for that model. For classification, the predict column is the model's discrete prediction, based on maximum F1 by default; the individual class probabilities are the remaining columns in the data frame. It is common to utilize the p1 column for binary classification, if a raw probability is desired.

### Example in R

```
1 > prostate.fit = h2o.predict(object = prostate.glm,  
    newdata = prostate.hex)  
2 > prostate.fit  
3 H2OFrame with 380 rows and 3 columns. First 10 rows:  
4   predict          p0          p1  
5 1          0 0.74476265 0.2552373  
6 2          1 0.39763451 0.6023655  
7 3          1 0.41268532 0.5873147  
8 4          1 0.37270563 0.6272944  
9 5          1 0.64649990 0.3535001  
10 6          1 0.43367145 0.5663285  
11 7          1 0.26542251 0.7345775  
12 8          1 0.06143281 0.9385672  
13 9          0 0.73057373 0.2694263  
14 10         1 0.46709293 0.5329071
```

## 10 Appendix: Commands

The following section lists some common R commands by function and a brief description of each command.

### 10.1 Dataset Operations

#### *Data Import/Export*

`h2o.downloadCSV`: Download a H2O dataset to a CSV file on local disk.

`h2o.exportFile`: Export H2O Data Frame to a file.

`h2o.importFile`: Import a file from the local path and parse it.

`h2o.parseRaw`: Parse a raw data file.

`h2o.uploadFile`: Upload a file from the local drive and parse it.

#### *Native R to H2O Coercion*

`as.h2o`: Convert an R object to an H2O object.

#### *H2O to Native R Coercion*

`as.data.frame`: Check if an object is a data frame, or coerce it if possible.

#### *Data Generation*

`h2o.createFrame`: Create an H2O data frame, with optional randomization.

`h2o.runif`: Produce a vector of random uniform numbers.

`h2o.interaction`: Create interaction terms between categorical features of an H2O Frame.

### *Data Sampling/Splitting*

`h2o.splitFrame`: Split an existing H2O dataset according to user-specified ratios.

### *Missing Data Handling*

`h2o.impute`: Impute a column of data using the mean, median, or mode.

`h2o.insertMissingValues`: Replaces a user-specified fraction of entries in a H2O dataset with missing values.

## 10.2 General Data Operations

*Subscripting example to pull pieces from data object.*

```
1  x[j]  ## note: chooses column J, not row J
2  x[i, j]
3  x[[i]]
4  x$name
5  x[i] <- value
6  x[i, j, ...] <- value
7  x[[i]] <- value
8  x$i <- value
```

### *Subsetting*

`head`, `tail`: Return the First or Last Part of an Object

### *Concatenation*

`c`: Combine Values into a Vector or List

`h2o.cbind`: Take a sequence of H2O datasets and combine them by column.

### *Data Attributes*

`colnames`: Return column names for a parsed H2O data object.

`colnames<-`: Retrieve or set the row or column names of a matrix-like object.

`names`: Get the name of an object.

`names<-`: Set the name of an object.

`dim`: Retrieve the dimension of an object.

`length`: Get the length of vectors (including lists) and factors.

`nrow`: Return a count of the number of rows in an `H2OParsedData` object.

`ncol`: Return a count of the number of columns in an `H2OParsedData` object.

`h2o.anyFactor`: Check if an H2O parsed data object has any categorical data columns.

`is.factor`: Check if a given column contains categorical data.

### *Data Type Coercion*

`as.factor`: Convert a column from numeric to factor.

`as.Date`: Converts a column from factor to date.

## 10.3 Methods from Group Generics

### *Math (H2O)*

`abs`: Compute the absolute value of  $x$ .

`sign`: Return a vector with the signs of the corresponding elements of  $x$  (the sign of a real number is 1, 0, or -1 if the number is positive, zero, or negative, respectively).

`sqrt`: Computes the principal square root of  $x$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$ .

`ceiling`: Take a single numeric argument  $x$  and return a numeric vector containing the smallest integers not less than the corresponding elements of  $x$ .

`floor`: Take a single numeric argument  $x$  and return a numeric vector containing the largest integers not greater than the corresponding elements of  $x$ .

`trunc`: Take a single numeric argument  $x$  and return a numeric vector containing the integers formed by truncating the values in  $x$  toward 0.

`log`: Compute logarithms (by default, natural logarithms).

`exp`: Compute the exponential function.

### *Math (generic)*

`cummax`: Display a vector of the cumulative maxima of the elements of the argument.

`cummin`: Display a vector of the cumulative minima of the elements of the argument.

`cumprod`: Display a vector of the cumulative products of the elements of the argument.

`cumsum`: Display a vector of the cumulative sums of the elements of the argument.

`log10`: Compute common (i.e., base 10) logarithms

`log2`: Compute binary (i.e., base 2) logarithms.

`log1p`: Compute  $\log(1+x)$  accurately also for  $|x| \ll 1$ .

`acos`: Compute the trigonometric arc-cosine.

`acosh`: Compute the hyperbolic arc-cosine.

`asin`: Compute the trigonometric arc-sine.

`asinh`: Compute the hyperbolic arc-sine.

`atan`: Compute the trigonometric arc-tangent.

`atanh`: Compute the hyperbolic arc-tangent.

`expm1`: Compute  $\exp(x) - 1$  accurately also for  $|x| \ll 1$ .

`cos`: Compute the trigonometric cosine.

`cosh`: Compute the hyperbolic cosine.

`cospi`: Compute the trigonometric two-argument arc-cosine.

`sin`: Compute the trigonometric sine.

`sinh`: Compute the hyperbolic sine.

`sinpi`: Compute the trigonometric two-argument arc-sine.

`tan`: Compute the trigonometric tangent.

`tanh`: Compute the hyperbolic tangent.

`tanpi`: Compute the trigonometric two-argument arc-tangent.

`gamma`: Display the gamma function  $\gamma x$

`lgamma`: Display the natural logarithm of the absolute value of the gamma function.

`digamma`: Display the first derivative of the logarithm of the gamma function.

`trigamma`: Display the second derivative of the logarithm of the gamma function.

### *Math2 (H2O)*

`round`: Round the values to the specified number of decimal places. The default is 0.

`signif`: Round the values to the specified number of significant digits.

### *Summary (H2O)*

`max`: Display the maximum of all the input arguments.

`min`: Display the minimum of all the input arguments.

`range`: Display a vector containing the minimum and maximum of all the given arguments.

`sum`: Calculate the sum of all the values present in its arguments.

### *Summary (generic)*

`prod`: Display the product of all values present in its arguments.

`any`: Given a set of logical vectors, determine if at least one of the values is true.

`all`: Given a set of logical vectors, determine if all of the values are true.

## 10.4 Other Aggregations

### *Non-Group Generic Summaries*

`mean`: Generic function for the (trimmed) arithmetic mean.

`sd`: Calculate the standard deviation of a column of continuous real valued data.

`var`: Compute the variance of  $x$ .

`summary`: Produce result summaries of the results of various model fitting functions.

`quantile`: Obtain and display quantiles for H2O parsed data.

### *Row / Column Aggregation*

`apply`: Apply a function over an H2O parsed data object (an array).

### *Group By Aggregation*

`h2o.group_by`: Apply an aggregate function to each group of an H2O dataset.

### *Tabulation*

`h2o.table`: Use the cross-classifying factors to build a table of counts at each combination of factor levels.

## **10.5 Data Munging**

### *General Column Manipulations*

`is.na`: Display missing elements.

### *Element Index Selection*

`h2o.which`: Display the row numbers for which the condition is true.

### *Conditional Element Value Selection*

`h2o.ifelse`: Apply conditional statements to numeric vectors in H2O parsed data objects.

### *Numeric Column Manipulations*

`h2o.cut`: Convert H2O Numeric Data to Factor.

### *Character Column Manipulations*

`h2o.strsplit`: Splits the given factor column on the input split.

`h2o.tolower`: Change the elements of a character vector to lower case.

`h2o.toupper`: Change the elements of a character vector to lower case.

`h2o.trim`: Remove leading and trailing white space.

`h2o.gsub`: Match a pattern & replace all instances of the matched pattern with the replacement string globally.

`h2o.sub`: Match a pattern & replace the first instance of the matched pattern with the replacement string.

### *Factor Level Manipulations*

`h2o.levels`: Display a list of the unique values found in a column of categorical data.

### *Date Manipulations*

`h2o.month`: Convert the entries of a `H2OParsedData` object from milliseconds to months (on a 0 to 11 scale).

`h2o.year`: Convert the entries of a `H2OParsedData` object from milliseconds to years, indexed starting from 1900.

### *Matrix Operations*

`%*%`: Multiply two matrices, if they are conformable. `t`: Given a matrix or `data.frame` `x`, `t` returns the transpose of `x`.

## 10.6 Data Modeling

### *Model Training: Supervised Learning*

`h2o.deeplearning`: Perform Deep Learning neural networks on an `H2OParsedData` object.

`h2o.gbm`: Build gradient boosted classification trees and gradient boosted regression trees on a parsed dataset.

`h2o.glm`: Fit a generalized linear model, specified by a response variable, a set of predictors, and a description of the error distribution.

`h2o.naiveBayes`: Build gradient boosted classification trees and gradient boosted regression trees on a parsed dataset.

`h2o.prcomp`: Perform principal components analysis on the given dataset.

`h2o.randomForest`: Perform random forest classification on a dataset.

`h2o.xgboost`: Build an extreme gradient boosted model.

### *Model Training: Unsupervised Learning*

`h2o.anomaly`: Detect anomalies in a H2O dataset using a H2O deep learning model with auto-encoding.

`h2o.deepfeatures`: Extract the non-linear features from a H2O dataset using a H2O deep learning model.

`h2o.kmeans`: Perform k-means clustering on a dataset.

### *Grid Search*

`h2o.grid`: Efficient method to build multiple models with different hyperparameters.

### *Model Scoring*

`h2o.predict`: Obtain predictions from various fitted H2O model objects.

### *Model Metrics*

`h2o.model_metrics`: Given predicted values (target for regression, class-1 probabilities, or binomial or per-class probabilities for multinomial), compute a model metrics object.

### *Classification Model Helpers*

`h2o.accuracy`: Get the between cluster sum of squares.

`h2o.auc`: Retrieve the AUC (area under ROC curve).

`h2o.confusionMatrix`: Display prediction errors for classification data from a column of predicted responses and a column of actual (reference) responses in H2O.

`h2o.hit_ratio_table`: Retrieve the Hit Ratios. If `train`, `valid`, and `xval` parameters are FALSE (default), then the training Hit Ratios value is returned. If more than one parameter is set to TRUE, then a named list of Hit Ratio tables are returned, where the names are `train`, `valid`, or `xval`.

`h2o.performance`: Evaluate the predictive performance of a model via various measures.

### *Regression Model Helper*

`h2o.mse`: Display the mean squared error calculated from a column of predicted responses and a column of actual (reference) responses in H2O.

### *Clustering Model Helper*

`h2o.betweenSS`: Get the between cluster sum of squares.

`h2o.centers`: Retrieve the Model Centers.

## **10.7 H2O Cluster Operations**

### *H2O Key Value Store Access*

`h2o.assign`: Assign H2O hex.keys to objects in their R environment.

`h2o.getFrame`: Get a reference to an existing H2O dataset.

`h2o.getModel`: Get a reference to an existing H2O model.

`h2o.ls`: Display a list of object keys in the running instance of H2O.

`h2o.rm`: Remove H2O objects from the server where the instance of H2O is running, but does not remove it from the R environment.

### *H2O Object Serialization*

`h2o.loadModel`: Load an `H2OModel` object from disk.

`h2o.saveModel`: Save an `H2OModel` object to disk to be loaded back into H2O using `h2o.loadModel`.

### *H2O Cluster Connection*

`h2o.init` (`nthreads = -1`): Connect to a running H2O instance using all CPUs on the host and check the local H2O R package is the correct version.

`h2o.shutdown`: Shut down the specified H2O instance. All data on the server will be lost!

### *H2O Load Balancing*

`h2o.rebalance`: Rebalance (repartition) an existing H2O dataset into given number of chunks (per Vec), for load-balancing across multiple threads or nodes.

### *H2O Cluster Information*

`h2o.clusterInfo`: Display the name, version, uptime, total nodes, total memory, total cores and health of a cluster running H2O.

`h2o.clusterStatus`: Retrieve information on the status of the cluster running H2O.

### *H2O Logging*

`h2o.clearLog`: Clear all H2O R command and error response logs from the local disk.

`h2o.downloadAllLogs`: Download all H2O log files to the local disk.

`h2o.logAndEcho`: Write a message to the H2O Java log file and echo it back.

`h2o.openLog`: Open existing logs of H2O R POST commands and error responses on the local disk.

`h2o.getLogPath`: Get the file path for the H2O R command and error response logs.

`h2o.startLogging`: Begin logging H2O R POST commands and error responses.

`h2o.stopLogging`: Stop logging H2O R POST commands and error responses.

### *H2O String Manipulation*

`h2o.gsub`: String global substitution (all occurrences).

`h2o.strsplit`: String Split.

`h2o.sub`: String substitution (first occurrence).

`h2o.tolower`: Convert characters to lower case.

`h2o.toupper`: Convert characters to upper case.

`h2o.trim`: Trim spaces.

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