Wrangling Data

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Questions Round-Up

How can I provide comments with my code?

- Outside of a code chunk, # = Create Section header, ## = Create sub-section header, ...
- Instead of a code chunk, # = Don't run whatever is after this pound symbol

```
# Load the needed packages
library(tidyverse)
# 2 + 2
```

Any other questions?

Plan for today

- Recap data wrangling functions we covered last time.
- Learn about chaining data wrangling operations together with the pipe (%>% or |>).
- Go through the "more_wrangling_key.qmd" Quarto document.
- Remember that you can either fill in the "more_wrangling.qmd" file or follow along with the "more_wrangling_key.qmd" file.

Load Packages

The packages we need for our explorations today (readr for reading in data, ggplot2 for graphing data, and dplyr for wrangling/summarizing the data) are part of a popular suite of packages called the tidyverse.

library(tidyverse)

Data Background

We will return to the same dataset we saw last time. Here's the background and description of the variables.

In 2013, the government decided to make data about colleges more accessible so that students and parents could more easily compare schools. These data are called the "College Scorecard" data and the 2024 dataset contains 3,305 variables on 6,484 universities in the US!

I have filtered that 2024 dataset to only include schools which confer majority baccalaureate degrees and where the majority of those degrees are in the arts and sciences based on the Carnegie Classification system. In other words, I filtered the data down to the schools which are "similar" to Bucknell (including Bucknell itself) and picked out some variables for us to explore.

Data Dictionary

Below are the code names and descriptions of the variables in our dataset.

• UNITID: Unique identifier

• INSTNM: Name of institution

• CITY: City

• STABBR: State

- HIGHDEG: Highest degree awarded (0 = Non-degree grants, 1 = Certificate degree, 2 = Associate degree, 3 = Bachelor's degree, 4 = Graduate degree)
- PREDDEG: Predominant undergraduate degree awarded (0 = Not classified, 1 = Predominantly certificate-degree granting, 2 = Predominantly associate's-degree granting, 3 = Predominantly bachelor's-degree granting, 4 = Entirely graduate-degree granting)
- CONTROL: Ownership (1 = Public, 2 = Private non-profit, 3 = Private for-profit)
- HBCU: Flag for Historically Black College and University

- TUITFTE: Net tuition revenue per full-time equivalent student
- AVGFACSAL: Average faculty salary
- ADM_RATE: Admission rate
- SATVR75: 75th percentile of SAT scores at the institution (critical reading)
- SATMT75: 75th percentile of SAT scores at the institution (math)
- ACTCM75: 75th percentile of the ACT cumulative score
- COSTT4_A: The average annual total cost of attendance, including tuition and fees, books and supplies, and living expenses for all full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates who receive Title IV aid.
- NPT4_PRIV: The average annual total cost of attendance, including tuition and fees, books and supplies, and living expenses, minus the average grant/scholarship aid
- UGDS: Enrollment of undergraduate certificate/degree-seeking students
- UG25ABV: Percentage of undergraduates aged 25 and above
- PCTFLOAN_DCS: Percentage of degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students awarded a federal loan
- PCTPELL_DCS: Percentage of degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students awarded a Pell Grant
- DEBT_MDN: The median original amount of the loan principal upon entering repayment
- C100_4: Completion rate for first-time, full-time students at four-year institutions (100% of expected time to completion)
- RET_FT4: First-time, full-time student retention rate at four-year institutions
- MD_EARN_WNE_5YR: Median earnings of graduates working and not enrolled 5 years after completing

Load the Data

Run the following code to load the data.

```
# Load the data
colleges <- read_csv("data/ccbasic21.csv")</pre>
```

Recap: Data wrangling from last session



Data wrangling = any transformations done on the data.

Some Thoughts on Wrangling

- Data are messy. Be prepared to wrangle.
 - "Tidy datasets are all alike, but every messy dataset is messy in its own way." Hadley Wickham
- Before you start writing code ask yourself, what do I expect the wrangled data to look like? How many rows do I expect? How many columns?
- Don't try to wrangle all at once.
 - Write one line of code. Run it. And then keep going.

• Give the wrangled dataset a new name if you are removing rows or changing the structure drastically.

Main Data Wrangling Operations in dplyr

summarize(): Summarize variable(s)

What is the average admission rate? What is the lowest admission rate?

count(): Add up number of rows for each category

0.0693

How many historically black colleges and universities are in the dataset? Of those, how many award graduate degrees?

```
count(colleges, HBCU)

# A tibble: 2 x 2
   HBCU  n
   <dbl> <int>
1   0  203
2   1  17

count(colleges, HBCU, HIGHDEG)
```

0.601

1

```
2 0 4 98
3 1 3 10
4 1 4 7
```

mutate(): Modify an existing variable or add new variables

Three examples below:

- Adding a new variable called Location: indicates if a school is in PA or not.
- Creating HIGHDEG_CAT: Which takes the numerical variable HIGHDEG and creates a categorical version.
- Fixing DEBT_MDN so that R stores it as a numerical variable, not a categorical variable (which R calls a character vector).

```
Rows: 220
Columns: 26
                <dbl> 100937, 101912, 106342, 107080, 107512, 112260, 115409~
$ UNITID
$ INSTNM
                <chr> "Birmingham-Southern College", "Oakwood University", "~
                <chr> "Birmingham", "Huntsville", "Batesville", "Conway", "A~
$ CITY
$ STABBR
                <chr> "AL", "AL", "AR", "AR", "CA", "CA", "CA", "CA", "CA", ~
$ HIGHDEG
                <dbl> 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, ~
$ PREDDEG
                <dbl> 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 1, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, ~
$ CONTROL
                $ HBCU
                <dbl> 10340, 12279, 10188, 9685, 10749, 35957, 36122, 26331,~
$ TUITFTE
                <dbl> 7029, 4842, 5817, 7889, 6735, 15333, 14478, 11309, 117~
$ AVGFACSAL
$ ADM RATE
                <dbl> 0.5717, 0.6805, 0.5984, 0.6028, 0.7232, 0.1035, 0.1336~
$ SATVR75
                <dbl> 670, NA, NA, 680, 610, 760, 770, NA, 750, NA, 770, 760~
$ SATMT75
                <dbl> 610, NA, NA, 648, 590, 790, 790, NA, 760, NA, 790, 750~
$ ACTCM75
                <dbl> 29, NA, NA, 30, 28, 35, 36, NA, 34, NA, 35, 34, NA, 32~
$ COSTT4_A
                <dbl> 35495, 38377, 44749, 49928, 43878, 78723, 82236, NA, 7~
$ NPT4 PRIV
                <dbl> 19723, 19686, 25183, 22780, 23086, 19489, 39671, NA, 3~
$ UGDS
                <dbl> 968, 1378, 489, 1127, 1587, 1383, 906, 15, 1935, 1212,~
```

```
$ UG25ABV
                  <dbl> 0.0170, 0.1284, 0.0276, 0.0054, 0.0140, 0.0021, 0.0011~
                  <dbl> 0.6452, 0.6477, 0.5934, 0.4483, 0.6109, 0.1627, 0.3646~
$ PCTFLOAN_DCS
                  <dbl> 0.2277, 0.4906, 0.3702, 0.2543, 0.2486, 0.2008, 0.1293~
$ PCTPELL_DCS
$ DEBT_MDN
                  <dbl> 16000, 21500, 10699, 19500, 15000, 11948, 19500, 18667~
                  <dbl> 0.5854, 0.3351, 0.3085, 0.6743, 0.6174, 0.8318, 0.8826~
$ C100 4
                  <dbl> 0.7746, 0.7706, 0.5072, 0.7905, 0.7897, 0.9579, 0.9733~
$ RET_FT4
$ MD EARN WNE 5YR <dbl> 56625, 51429, 45744, 49579, 48168, 108186, 154095, 418~
                  <chr> "NOT PA", "NOT PA", "NOT PA", "NOT PA", "NOT PA", "NOT~
$ Location
$ HIGHDEG_CAT
                  <chr> "Bachelor's degree", "Graduate degree", "Bachelor's de~
```

count(colleges, Location)

count(colleges, HIGHDEG_CAT)

select(): Extract variables

Let's create a new dataset that only has the school name and location.

```
colleges2 <- select(colleges, INSTNM, Location)</pre>
```

filter(): Extract cases

Let's filter down to schools that are:

- In the mid-atlantic: PA, NJ, VA, MD, DE, WV, DC
- Have undergraduate enrollments over 1000 students
- Don't have grad students

Let's filter down to just Bucknell.

```
bucknell <- filter(colleges, INSTNM == "Bucknell University")</pre>
```

drop_na(): Remove rows that have missing values for certain variables

Let's remove rows that are missing an admissions rate.

```
colleges_adm_rate_complete <- drop_na(colleges, ADM_RATE)</pre>
```

More wrangling functions

arrange(): Sort the cases

Let's sort rows by their admissions rate. Which schools has the lowest admissions rate? Which has the highest?

```
arrange(colleges, ADM_RATE)
```

```
# A tibble: 220 x 26
                    CITY STABBR HIGHDEG PREDDEG CONTROL
  UNITID INSTNM
                                                          HBCU TUITFTE AVGFACSAL
    <dbl> <chr>
                    <chr> <chr>
                                    <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                                    <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                   <dbl>
                                                                             <dbl>
 1 216287 Swarthmo~ Swar~ PA
                                        3
                                                3
                                                        2
                                                                   29620
                                                                             13487
2 121345 Pomona C~ Clar~ CA
                                        3
                                                3
                                                        2
                                                                   23672
                                                                             14220
3 164465 Amherst ~ Amhe~ MA
                                        3
                                                3
                                                        2
                                                                   30616
                                                                             14046
4 161086 Colby Co~ Wate~ ME
                                        3
                                                3
                                                        2
                                                                   34919
                                                                             11925
5 168342 Williams~ Will~ MA
                                        4
                                                3
                                                        2
                                                                   35531
                                                                             14484
6 189097 Barnard ~ New ~ NY
                                        3
                                                3
                                                        2
                                                               0
                                                                   42671
                                                                             14635
7 161004 Bowdoin ~ Brun~ ME
                                        3
                                                3
                                                        2
                                                                   34579
                                                                             13417
8 112260 Claremon~ Clar~ CA
                                        4
                                                3
                                                        2
                                                               0
                                                                   35957
                                                                             15333
9 164155 United S~ Anna~ MD
                                        3
                                                3
                                                        1
                                                               0
                                                                       0
                                                                             12920
                                                3
                                                        2
10 153384 Grinnell~ Grin~ IA
                                        3
                                                                   19898
                                                                             11658
# i 210 more rows
```

- # i 16 more variables: ADM_RATE <dbl>, SATVR75 <dbl>, SATMT75 <dbl>,
- ACTCM75 <dbl>, COSTT4_A <dbl>, NPT4_PRIV <dbl>, UGDS <dbl>, UG25ABV <dbl>,
- PCTFLOAN DCS <dbl>, PCTPELL DCS <dbl>, DEBT_MDN <dbl>, C100_4 <dbl>, #
- RET_FT4 <dbl>, MD_EARN_WNE_5YR <dbl>, Location <chr>, HIGHDEG_CAT <chr>

arrange(colleges, desc(ADM RATE))

```
# A tibble: 220 x 26
   UNITID INSTNM
                    CITY STABBR HIGHDEG PREDDEG CONTROL HBCU TUITFTE AVGFACSAL
    <dbl> <chr>
                    <chr> <chr>
                                    <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                                     <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                   <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
                                        4
1 172033 Sacred H~ Detr~ MI
                                                1
                                                         2
                                                               0
                                                                   16565
                                                                               6336
                                        3
                                                 3
                                                         2
2 233611 Southern~ Buen~ VA
                                                                   12302
                                                                               6313
                                                               0
                                        3
                                                 3
                                                         2
3 182917 Magdalen~ Warn~ NH
                                                                   12194
                                                                               4361
                                        3
                                                 3
4 215275 Universi~ Gree~ PA
                                                         1
                                                                   13107
                                                                               7602
5 154527 Wartburg~ Wave~ IA
                                        3
                                                 3
                                                         2
                                                                               6994
                                                                   16505
6 233301 Randolph~ Lync~ VA
                                        4
                                                3
                                                         2
                                                               0
                                                                   12760
                                                                               8249
7 206525 Wittenbe~ Spri~ OH
                                        4
                                                3
                                                         2
                                                               0
                                                                   12968
                                                                               7836
8 150604 Franklin~ Fran~ IN
                                        4
                                                 3
                                                         2
                                                               0
                                                                   12805
                                                                               6801
9 167288 Massachu~ Nort~ MA
                                        4
                                                 3
                                                         1
                                                               0
                                                                    6841
                                                                               9334
10 165936 Gordon C~ Wenh~ MA
                                        4
                                                 3
                                                         2
                                                               0
                                                                   14956
                                                                               6992
# i 210 more rows
# i 16 more variables: ADM_RATE <dbl>, SATVR75 <dbl>, SATMT75 <dbl>,
```

- ACTCM75 <dbl>, COSTT4 A <dbl>, NPT4_PRIV <dbl>, UGDS <dbl>, UG25ABV <dbl>,
- # PCTFLOAN DCS <dbl>, PCTPELL DCS <dbl>, DEBT MDN <dbl>, C100 4 <dbl>,
- RET_FT4 <dbl>, MD EARN_WNE 5YR <dbl>, Location <chr>, HIGHDEG_CAT <chr>

The pipe: %>% or |> for chaining together multiple wranglings

If you want to do multiple operations at once, you should use the pipe.

Suppose we want to look at INSTNM, Location, ADM RATE, UGDS, RET FT4, and MD EARN WNE 5YR for schools in PA that reported an admissions rate and we want to arrange the schools from largest undergraduate class to smallest undergraduate class.

```
PA_colleges <- colleges %>%
 mutate(Location = if_else(STABBR == "PA", "PA", "Not PA")) %>%
  select(INSTNM, Location, ADM RATE, UGDS, RET_FT4, MD_EARN_WNE_5YR) %>%
 filter(Location == "PA") %>%
 drop_na(ADM_RATE) %>%
  arrange(desc(UGDS))
PA_colleges
```

# A tibble: 20 x 6									
	INSTNM	Location	ADM_RATE	UGDS	RET_FT4	MD_EARN_WNE_5YR			
	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>			
1	Bucknell University	PA	0.326	3732	0.906	90297			
2	Lafayette College	PA	0.336	2725	0.899	86844			
3	Gettysburg College	PA	0.563	2236	0.886	71373			
4	Susquehanna University	PA	0.767	2139	0.854	59913			
5	Dickinson College	PA	0.349	2083	0.888	71404			
6	Franklin and Marshall College	PA	0.362	1986	0.878	68877			
7	Muhlenberg College	PA	0.655	1933	0.909	67290			
8	Swarthmore College	PA	0.0693	1619	0.960	73588			
9	Ursinus College	PA	0.822	1505	0.824	61871			
10	Haverford College	PA	0.142	1417	0.961	69576			
11	Bryn Mawr College	PA	0.308	1402	0.903	57709			
12	Saint Vincent College	PA	0.734	1335	0.84	56756			
13	Allegheny College	PA	0.696	1324	0.789	58614			
14	University of Pittsburgh-Gre~	PA	0.976	1323	0.633	69754			
15	Albright College	PA	0.849	1276	0.640	59794			
16	Washington & Jefferson Colle~	PA	0.881	1139	0.829	65052			
17	Juniata College	PA	0.762	1116	0.807	53474			
18	Lycoming College	PA	0.752	1046	0.721	53116			
19	Westminster College	PA	0.753	1023	0.822	53025			
20	Bryn Athyn College of the Ne~	PA	0.800	271	0.776	38029			

group_by(): Perform actions by certain groups

For each of the Mid-Atlantic states, what is the average admission rate and how many schools are in each state?

```
filter(colleges, STABBR %in% c("PA", "NJ", "VA", "MD", "DE", "WV", "DC")) %>%
  drop_na(ADM_RATE) %>%
  group_by(STABBR) %>%
  summarize(mean_admit = mean(ADM_RATE), count = n())
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 3
 STABBR mean_admit count
  <chr>
              <dbl> <int>
1 MD
              0.586
2 NJ
              0.754
                         2
З РА
              0.595
                        20
4 VA
              0.718
                        16
5 WV
              0.649
                         1
```

How can I combine two datasets?

- Often the data is stored across several datasets and you want to combine them into one in a principled way.
- Need a key that links the two datasets.

```
# Load data from the Opportunity Insights lab
opportunity_insights <- read_csv("data/opportunity_insights.csv")</pre>
```

Suppose we want to add the upward mobility information from the Opportunity Insights dataset to our colleges dataset. Opportunity Insight is a research initiative based at Harvard University and led by Raj Chetty, John Friedman, and Nathaniel Hendren, with the goal of improving upward mobility in the United States by studying barriers to economic opportunity and translating findings into policy change. They defined a college's mobility rate as the percentage of students with parents in the bottom income quintile who ended up in the top x% (in their mid-30s). The variables mr_kq5_pq1 and mr_ktop1_pq1 and refer to the percentage of students with parents in the bottom income quintile who ended up in the top 20% and top 1%, respectively.

Let's first look at smaller datasets so we can explore the different types of data joins. What are the key variables?

```
# Create smaller versions
colleges_nyc <- colleges %>%
   select(INSTNM, CITY, STABBR, ADM_RATE) %>%
   filter(CITY == "New York")
colleges_nyc
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 4
  INSTNM
                               CITY
                                         STABBR ADM RATE
  <chr>
                                                   <dbl>
                               <chr>
                                         <chr>
1 Barnard College
                               New York NY
                                                  0.0879
2 Marymount Manhattan College New York NY
                                                  0.721
3 The King's College
                                                  0.453
                               New York NY
```

```
opp_ny <- opportunity_insights %>%
  filter(state == "NY", tier_name == "Selective private")
opp_ny
```

```
# A tibble: 48 x 5
name state tier_name mr_kq5_pq1 mr_ktop1_pq1
```

	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>			
1	Adelphi University	NY	Selectiv~	0.0326	0.00261			
2	Alfred University	NY	Selectiv~	0.0148	0.0000507			
3	Boricua College	NY	Selectiv~	0.0364	0.000132			
4	Canisius College	NY	Selectiv~	0.0236	0.00205			
5	Cazenovia College	NY	Selectiv~	0.0126	0.000142			
6	Clarkson University	NY	Selectiv~	0.0297	0.000624			
7	College Of Mount Saint Vincent And M~ $$	NY	Selectiv~	0.0578	0.00173			
8	College Of New Rochelle	NY	Selectiv~	0.0287	0.00000964			
9	College Of Saint Rose	NY	Selectiv~	0.0173	0.000686			
10	D'Youville College	NY	Selectiv~	0.0397	0.000104			
# i 38 more rows								

Three common types of joins:

```
# The inner join
smallest <- inner_join(colleges_nyc, opp_ny, join_by("INSTNM" == "name"))
smallest</pre>
```

```
# The full join
largest <- full_join(colleges_nyc, opp_ny, join_by("INSTNM" == "name"))
largest</pre>
```

```
# A tibble: 50 x 8
  INSTNM
                         STABBR ADM_RATE state tier_name mr_kq5_pq1 mr_ktop1_pq1
                   CITY
   <chr>
                   <chr> <chr>
                                   <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                                                <dbl>
                                                                             <dbl>
                                   0.0879 <NA>
1 Barnard College New ~ NY
                                                <NA>
                                                             NA
                                                                        NA
                                         NY
2 Marymount Manh~ New ~ NY
                                  0.721
                                                Selectiv~
                                                              0.0329
                                                                         0.000970
3 The King's Col~ New ~ NY
                                  0.453
                                          <NA>
                                                <NA>
                                                             NA
                                                                        NA
4 Adelphi Univer~ <NA>
                         <NA>
                                 NA
                                          NY
                                                Selectiv~
                                                              0.0326
                                                                         0.00261
5 Alfred Univers~ <NA>
                         <NA>
                                 NA
                                          NY
                                                Selectiv~
                                                              0.0148
                                                                         0.0000507
6 Boricua College <NA>
                         <NA>
                                 NA
                                          NY
                                                Selectiv~
                                                              0.0364
                                                                         0.000132
                         <NA>
7 Canisius Colle~ <NA>
                                 NA
                                         NY
                                                              0.0236
                                                                         0.00205
                                                Selectiv~
8 Cazenovia Coll~ <NA>
                         <NA>
                                 NA
                                         NY
                                                Selectiv~
                                                              0.0126
                                                                         0.000142
9 Clarkson Unive~ <NA>
                         <NA>
                                          NY
                                                              0.0297
                                                                         0.000624
                                 NA
                                                Selectiv~
10 College Of Mou~ <NA>
                                 NA
                                          NY
                                                Selectiv~
                                                                         0.00173
                         <NA>
                                                              0.0578
# i 40 more rows
```

```
# The left join
middle <- left_join(colleges_nyc, opp_ny, join_by("INSTNM" == "name"))
middle</pre>
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 8
  INSTNM
                          STABBR ADM_RATE state tier_name mr_kq5_pq1 mr_ktop1_pq1
                   CITY
  <chr>
                   <chr> <chr>
                                    <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                                                <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
1 Barnard College New ~ NY
                                   0.0879 <NA>
                                                 <NA>
                                                              NA
                                                                          NA
2 Marymount Manha~ New ~ NY
                                   0.721 NY
                                                               0.0329
                                                                           0.000970
                                                 Selectiv~
3 The King's Coll~ New ~ NY
                                   0.453
                                          <NA>
                                                 <NA>
                                                              NA
                                                                          NA
```

Which join should we use if we want to add the upward mobility information to our colleges dataset?

```
colleges_plus <- left_join(colleges, opportunity_insights, join_by("INSTNM" == "name"))</pre>
```

Your Optional Homework

If using your own data, do some wrangling that help answer questions of interest to you.

For the provided data, try to complete the following tasks.

a. How many schools are in each of the categories of PREDDEG?

```
count(colleges, PREDDEG)
```

b. Create a dataset that only contains schools that are predominantly bachelor's degree granting. Use this dataset for the following questions c and d.

```
colleges_b <- filter(colleges, PREDDEG == 3)</pre>
```

c. Compute the minimum, maximum, and median values of the median earnings of graduates working and not enrolled 5 years after completing. Useful R functions here are: min(), max(), median().

d. Repeat part (c) but this time compute the summary statistics for both HBCUs and non-HBCUs.

```
colleges_b %>%
 group_by(HBCU) %>%
 drop_na(MD_EARN_WNE_5YR) %>%
  summarize(min_earn = min(MD_EARN_WNE_5YR), max_earn = max(MD_EARN_WNE_5YR),
            med_earn = median(MD_EARN_WNE_5YR))
# A tibble: 2 x 4
  HBCU min_earn max_earn med_earn
  <dbl>
           <dbl>
                    <dbl>
                              <dbl>
           29334
1
      0
                   154095
                              55755
2
      1
           35387
                    62234
                              44269
```

e. Create a dataset of just the HBCUs and add the Opportunity Insights variables to that dataset. How many of the HBCUs in our dataset are in the Opportunity Insights dataset?

```
hbcus <- colleges %>%
  filter(HBCU == 1) %>%
  left_join(opportunity_insights, join_by("INSTNM" == "name"))

# If we only want to keep the hbcus that are also in the Opp Insights dataset, change the join hbcus <- colleges %>%
  filter(HBCU == 1) %>%
  inner_join(opportunity_insights, join_by("INSTNM" == "name"))
```

f. Ask some of your own questions of the data and then wrangle the data in order to answer them.

Resources for Learning More about Data Wrangling with dplyr

- Modern Dive's chapter on Data Wrangling
- R for Data Science's chapter on Data Transformation
- $\bullet \ \, dplyr \ \, cheatsheet: \ \, https://raw.githubusercontent.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/main/data-transformation.pdf \\$