II. Working with data in R (presentation)

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Tidyverse package

The tidyverse is a collection of R packages which, among other things, facilitate data handling and data transformation in R. See https://www.tidyverse.org/ for details.

We must install and load the R package tidyverse before we have access to the functions.

• Install package: One option is to go via the *Tools* menu: *Tools* → *Install packages* → write tidyverse in the field called *Packages*. This only has to be done once. Otherwise use the install.packages function as shown here:

```
install.packages("tidyverse", repos = "https://mirrors.dotsrc.org/cran/")
```

• Load package: Use the library command below (preferred), or go to the *Packages* menu in the bottom right window, find **tidyverse** in the list, and click it. This has to be done in every R-session where you use the package.

```
library(tidyverse)
```

People with SCIENCE PC's (Windows) sometimes have problems with the installation step because R tries to install files to a place, where the user doesn't have permissions to save and edit files. You can try this instead:

- When you start RStudio, right-click the icon and choose *Run as administrator*. Perhaps you can now install packages by clicking *Tools* and *Include Packages* as above.
- If not, then the problem may be that RStudio is trying to install to your science drive (H: or \a00143.science.domain). If so, try the command .libPaths(). If it shows two folders one at the science drive and one locally one on your computer (C:) then try the command install.packages("tidyverse", lib=.libPaths()[2]).

About the working directory

When working on a project, it is important to know where you are. The working directory is the path on your computer that R will try to access files from.

There are several helpful commands that help you navigate.

```
# show current working directory (cwd)
getwd()

# absolute path
setwd("~/Desktop/FromExceltoR/")

# relative path
```

```
setwd('./Presentations')

# go one step back in the directory
setwd('..')

# show folders in cwd
list.dirs(path = ".", recursive = FALSE)

# set working directory absolute path
setwd("~/Desktop/FromExceltoR/Presentations")
```

Import data

Data from Excel files can be imported via the *Import Dataset* facility. You may get the message that the package **readxl** should be installed. If so, then install it as explained for **tidyverse** above.

- Find Import Data in the upper right window in RStudio, and choose From Excel in the dropdown menu.
- A new window opens. Browse for the relevant Excel file; then a preview of the dataset is shown. Check that it looks OK, and click *Import*.
- Three things happened: Three lines of code was generated (and executed) in the Console, a new dataset now appears in the Environment window, and the dataset is shown in the top left window. Check again that it looks OK.
- Copy the first two lines of code into your R script (or into an R chunk in your Markdown document), but delete line starting with View and write instead the name of the dataset, here downloads. Then the first 10 lines of the data set are printed.

```
library(readxl)
downloads <- read_excel("downloads.xlsx")
downloads</pre>
```

```
##
  # A tibble: 147,035 x 6
##
      machineName userID
                          size time date
                                                          month
##
      <chr>
                   <dbl> <dbl> <dttm>
                                                           <chr>
                          2464 0.493 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    1 cs18
                  146579
##
    2 cs18
                  995988
                          7745 0.326 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    3 cs18
                  317649
                          6727 0.314 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
                  748501 13049 0.583 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
    4 cs18
                           356 0.259 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    5 cs18
                  955815
                             0 0
                                      1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    6 cs18
                  444174
##
                  446911
                             0 0
                                      1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
    7 cs18
                                      1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    8 cs18
                  449552
                              0 0
##
    9 cs18
                  456142
                             0 0
                                      1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
                  458942
                                      1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
## 10 cs18
                              0 0
## # ... with 147,025 more rows
```

R has stored the data in a so-called *tibble*, a type of data frame. Rows are referred to as *observations* or *data lines*, columns as *variables*. The data rows appear in the order as in the Excel file.

A slight digression: If data are saved in a csv file (comma separated values), possibly generated via an Excel sheet, then data can be read with the read_csv function. For example, if the data file is called mydata.csv and values are separated with commas, then the command

```
mydata <- read.csv("mydata.csv", sep=",")</pre>
```

creates a data frame in R with the data. The data frame is *not* a tibble and some of the commands below would not work for such a data frame.

About the data

The dataset is from Boston University and is about www data transfers from November 1994 to May 1995, see http://ita.ee.lbl.gov/html/contrib/BU-Web-Client.html.

- It has 147,035 data lines and 6 variables
- size is the download size in bytes, and time is the download time in seconds.

Extracting variables, simple summary statistics

Variables can be extracted with the \$-syntax, and we can use squared brackets to show only the first 40, say, values.

Summary statistics like mean, standard deviation, median are easily computed for a vector.

Examples of R functions for computing summary statistics: length, mean, median, sd, var, sum, quantile, min, max, IQR.

```
length(time_vector)

## [1] 147035

mean(time_vector)

## [1] 0.9539674

sd(time_vector)

## [1] 14.22557

median(time_vector)

## [1] 0

min(time_vector)
```

[1] 0

Notice that more than half the observations have time equal to zero (median is zero).

Filtering data (selecting rows): filter

The filter function is used to make sub-datasets where only certain datalines (rows) are maintained. It's described with *logical expressions* which datalines should be kept in the dataset.

Say that we only want observations with download time larger than 1000 seconds; there happens to be eight such observations:

```
filter(downloads, time > 1000)
## # A tibble: 8 x 6
##
     machineName userID
                            size time date
                                                            month
##
     <chr>
                  <dbl>
                            <dbl> <dbl> <dttm>
                                                             <chr>>
## 1 cs18
                 502807
                         4055821 1275. 1994-12-02 00:00:00 1994-12
## 2 cs18
                         2573336 1335. 1994-11-22 00:00:00 1994-11
                  16653
                         2743516 1151. 1994-11-22 00:00:00 1994-11
## 3 cs18
                 957883
## 4 cs18
                  47910
                         4720220 1749. 1994-11-22 00:00:00 1994-11
## 5 tweetie
                 223655
                          245003 1214. 1995-04-13 00:00:00 1995-04
## 6 kermit
                 576790 14518894 1380. 1995-04-20 00:00:00 1995-04
## 7 kermit
                 139654
                         1079731 1129. 1995-02-23 00:00:00 1995-02
                         8674562 1878. 1995-03-13 00:00:00 1995-03
## 8 pluto
                 337530
downloads %>%
  filter(time > 1000)
## # A tibble: 8 x 6
##
     machineName userID
                            size time date
                                                            month
##
     <chr>>
                  <dbl>
                           <dbl> <dbl> <dttm>
                                                             <chr>
## 1 cs18
                 502807
                         4055821 1275. 1994-12-02 00:00:00 1994-12
## 2 cs18
                  16653
                         2573336 1335. 1994-11-22 00:00:00 1994-11
## 3 cs18
                 957883
                         2743516 1151. 1994-11-22 00:00:00 1994-11
## 4 cs18
                         4720220 1749. 1994-11-22 00:00:00 1994-11
                  47910
## 5 tweetie
                 223655
                          245003 1214. 1995-04-13 00:00:00 1995-04
## 6 kermit
                 576790 14518894 1380. 1995-04-20 00:00:00 1995-04
## 7 kermit
                 139654
                         1079731 1129. 1995-02-23 00:00:00 1995-02
                         8674562 1878. 1995-03-13 00:00:00 1995-03
## 8 pluto
                 337530
Or say that only want observations with strictly positive download size:
downloads2 <- filter(downloads, size > 0)
downloads2
## # A tibble: 36,708 x 6
##
      machineName userID size time date
                                                          month
##
                   <dbl> <dbl> <dttm>
                                                          <chr>
##
                          2464 0.493 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
   1 cs18
                  146579
##
   2 cs18
                  995988
                          7745 0.326 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
   3 cs18
                  317649
                          6727 0.314 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
                  748501 13049 0.583 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
   4 cs18
   5 cs18
                           356 0.259 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
                  955815
                  596819 15063 0.336 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
##
   6 cs18
##
                  169424
                          2548 0.285 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
   7 cs18
                          1932 0.286 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
   8 cs18
                  386686
##
                          7294 0.397 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
   9 cs18
                  783767
                  788633
                          4470 3.41 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
## 10 cs18
## # ... with 36,698 more rows
```

Notice that this result is assigned to downloads2. It has 36,708 data lines. The original data called

downloads still exists with 147,035 data lines.

Filtering requires *logical predicates*. These are expressions in terms of columns, which evaluate to either TRUE or FALSE for each row. Logical expressions can be combined with logical operations.

- Comparisons: ==, !=, <, >, <=, >=, %in%, is.na
- Logical operations: ! (not), | (or), & (and). A comma can be used instead of &

Here comes two sub-datasets:

```
# Rows from kermit, and with size greater than 200000 bytes are kept.
filter(downloads2, machineName == "kermit", size > 200000)
```

```
## # A tibble: 98 x 6
##
      machineName userID
                              size
                                        time date
                                                                  month
##
      <chr>
                    <dbl>
                             <dbl>
                                       <dbl> <dttm>
                                                                   <chr>
##
    1 kermit
                   157161
                            498325
                                       0.629 1995-04-13 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    2 kermit
                   734988
                            271058
                                      17.3
                                             1995-04-22 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    3 kermit
                   388066
                            435923
                                      29.2
                                             1995-04-22 00:00:00 1995-04
                                             1995-04-12 00:00:00 1995-04
##
   4 kermit
                   34030
                            642771
                                       4.80
##
    5 kermit
                   327021
                            724757
                                       4.98
                                             1995-04-12 00:00:00 1995-04
##
   6 kermit
                    38016
                            561762
                                       9.75
                                             1995-04-05 00:00:00 1995-04
                                             1995-04-05 00:00:00 1995-04
   7 kermit
                   277395
                            404209
                                      11.3
                                             1995-04-20 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    8 kermit
                   576790 14518894 1380.
                                             1995-04-20 00:00:00 1995-04
##
    9 kermit
                    17623
                            489473
                                      21.2
## 10 kermit
                   198041
                            355963
                                      15.3
                                             1995-04-20 00:00:00 1995-04
## # ... with 88 more rows
```

Rows NOT from kermit, and with size greater than 200000 bytes are kept.
filter(downloads2, machineName != "kermit" & size > 200000)

```
## # A tibble: 220 x 6
##
      machineName userID
                                     time date
                                                               month
                             size
##
      <chr>
                   <dbl>
                            <dbl>
                                    <dbl> <dttm>
                                                               <chr>>
##
                  204764 2691689
                                    0.834 1995-04-26 00:00:00 1995-04
    1 cs18
##
    2 cs18
                  397405
                          215045
                                    1.10
                                          1994-12-15 00:00:00 1994-12
##
                                    3.92
                                          1994-12-15 00:00:00 1994-12
    3 cs18
                  809091
                          226586
##
    4 cs18
                  779032 1080472 156.
                                          1994-12-11 00:00:00 1994-12
##
    5 cs18
                  688294
                                   93.1
                                          1994-12-11 00:00:00 1994-12
                          748705
    6 cs18
                  447740 6360764 863.
                                          1994-12-11 00:00:00 1994-12
##
##
   7 cs18
                  708452
                          204918
                                    7.07
                                          1994-12-18 00:00:00 1994-12
##
                  598668
                          204918
                                          1994-12-18 00:00:00 1994-12
    8 cs18
                                   12.7
                                    4.98
                                          1994-12-18 00:00:00 1994-12
##
    9 cs18
                  288167
                          204918
                  974956
                                    6.13 1994-12-16 00:00:00 1994-12
## 10 cs18
                          203714
## # ... with 210 more rows
```

A helpful function to know which machine names are valid can be:

```
# get unique machineName values in downloads2
distinct(downloads2, machineName)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 1
## machineName
## <chr>
## 1 cs18
## 2 piglet
## 3 kermit
## 4 tweetie
```

5 pluto

And if you are looking for multiple values for a given variable:

```
downloads2 %>% filter(machineName %in% c("kermit", "pluto"), size > 2000000)
```

```
## # A tibble: 8 x 6
##
     machineName userID
                                    time date
                             size
                                                              month
                  <dbl>
##
                            <dbl>
                                   <dbl> <dttm>
     <chr>>
                                                              <chr>>
## 1 kermit
                 576790 14518894 1380.
                                         1995-04-20 00:00:00 1995-04
## 2 kermit
                 756949
                         4418124
                                   439.
                                         1995-04-20 00:00:00 1995-04
## 3 kermit
                 287308
                         6935603
                                    88.2 1995-04-24 00:00:00 1995-04
## 4 kermit
                                         1995-02-08 00:00:00 1995-02
                 928227
                         9523767
                                   171.
## 5 kermit
                 128147
                          2743816
                                   216.
                                         1995-02-23 00:00:00 1995-02
## 6 pluto
                 867173
                         4670973
                                   230.
                                         1995-03-14 00:00:00 1995-03
## 7 kermit
                 456524
                          2836135
                                   127.
                                         1995-03-31 00:00:00 1995-03
## 8 pluto
                                         1995-03-13 00:00:00 1995-03
                 337530
                          8674562 1878.
```

Selecting variables: select

Sometimes, datasets has many variables of which only some are relevant for the analysis. Variables can be selected or skipped with the select function.

```
# Without the date variable
select(downloads2, -date)
## # A tibble: 36,708 x 5
##
      machineName userID size time month
##
                   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
      <chr>>
##
    1 cs18
                  146579
                           2464 0.493 1995-04
##
                          7745 0.326 1995-04
    2 cs18
                  995988
##
    3 cs18
                  317649
                          6727 0.314 1995-04
##
   4 cs18
                  748501 13049 0.583 1995-04
##
                  955815
                            356 0.259 1995-04
    5 cs18
##
    6 cs18
                  596819 15063 0.336 1995-04
##
   7 cs18
                          2548 0.285 1995-04
                  169424
##
    8 cs18
                          1932 0.286 1995-04
                  386686
    9 cs18
                          7294 0.397 1995-04
##
                  783767
## 10 cs18
                  788633
                          4470 3.41 1995-04
## # ... with 36,698 more rows
# Only include the three mentioned variable names
downloads3 <- select(downloads2, machineName, size, time)</pre>
downloads3
```

```
## # A tibble: 36,708 x 3
##
      machineName size time
##
      <chr>
                   <dbl> <dbl>
##
                    2464 0.493
    1 cs18
##
    2 cs18
                    7745 0.326
##
                    6727 0.314
    3 cs18
##
                   13049 0.583
    4 cs18
   5 cs18
##
                     356 0.259
##
    6 cs18
                   15063 0.336
##
  7 cs18
                   2548 0.285
  8 cs18
                   1932 0.286
```

```
## 9 cs18
                   7294 0.397
## 10 cs18
                   4470 3.41
## # ... with 36,698 more rows
```

Notice that we have made a new dataframe, downloads3 with only three variables.

Transformations of data

Transformations of existing variables in the data set can be computed and included in the data set with the mutate function.

We first compute two new variables, download speed (speed) and the logarithm of the download size

```
downloads3 <- mutate(downloads3, speed = size / time, logSize = log10(size))</pre>
downloads3
```

```
## # A tibble: 36,708 \times 5
##
      machineName size time
                                speed logSize
##
                  <dbl> <dbl>
      <chr>
                                <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
##
    1 cs18
                   2464 0.493 4998.
                                         3.39
##
                   7745 0.326 23786.
                                         3.89
   2 cs18
##
   3 cs18
                   6727 0.314 21444.
                                         3.83
##
                  13049 0.583 22400.
  4 cs18
                                         4.12
##
   5 cs18
                    356 0.259
                               1373.
                                         2.55
##
  6 cs18
                  15063 0.336 44897.
                                         4.18
   7 cs18
##
                   2548 0.285 8945.
                                         3.41
##
   8 cs18
                   1932 0.286 6763.
                                         3.29
## 9 cs18
                   7294 0.397 18368.
                                         3.86
## 10 cs18
                   4470 3.41
                                1311.
                                         3.65
## # ... with 36,698 more rows
```

We then make a new categorial variable, slow, which is "Yes" is speed < 150 and "No" otherwise

```
downloads3 <- mutate(downloads3, slow = ifelse(speed < 150, "Yes", "No"))</pre>
downloads3
```

```
## # A tibble: 36,708 x 6
##
      machineName size time
                               speed logSize slow
##
      <chr>
                  <dbl> <dbl>
                                <dbl>
                                        <dbl> <chr>
                                         3.39 No
##
    1 cs18
                   2464 0.493 4998.
##
   2 cs18
                   7745 0.326 23786.
                                         3.89 No
##
   3 cs18
                   6727 0.314 21444.
                                         3.83 No
                  13049 0.583 22400.
##
   4 cs18
                                         4.12 No
##
   5 cs18
                    356 0.259
                              1373.
                                         2.55 No
##
                  15063 0.336 44897.
                                         4.18 No
   6 cs18
##
   7 cs18
                   2548 0.285
                               8945.
                                         3.41 No
##
   8 cs18
                   1932 0.286
                               6763.
                                         3.29 No
## 9 cs18
                   7294 0.397 18368.
                                         3.86 No
## 10 cs18
                   4470 3.41
                                1311.
                                         3.65 No
## # ... with 36,698 more rows
```

Counting, tabulation of categorical variables: count

The count function is useful for counting data datalines, possibly according to certain criteria or for the different levels of categorical values.

```
# Total number of observations in the current dataset
count(downloads3)
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
         n
##
     <int>
## 1 36708
# Number of observations from each machine
count(downloads3, machineName)
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##
    machineName
                     n
##
     <chr>
                 <int>
## 1 cs18
                  3814
## 2 kermit
                  9094
## 3 piglet
                 11200
## 4 pluto
                  5253
## 5 tweetie
                  7347
# Number of observations which have/have not size larger than 5000
count(downloads3, size>5000)
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##
     `size > 5000`
##
     <1g1>
                   <int>
## 1 FALSE
                   25865
## 2 TRUE
                   10843
# Number of observations for each combination of machine name and the *slow* variable.
count(downloads3, machineName, slow)
## # A tibble: 10 x 3
      machineName slow
##
##
      <chr>
                  <chr> <int>
##
   1 cs18
                  No
                         3662
##
    2 cs18
                  Yes
                          152
##
   3 kermit
                  No
                         8717
   4 kermit
##
                          377
                  Yes
##
   5 piglet
                  No
                        10734
##
    6 piglet
                  Yes
                          466
  7 pluto
##
                  No
                         4963
## 8 pluto
                  Yes
                          290
## 9 tweetie
                         6983
                  No
## 10 tweetie
                  Yes
                          364
```

Sorting data: arrange

The arrange function can be used to sort the data according to one or more columns.

Let's sort the data according to download size (ascending order). The first lines of the sorted data set is printed on-screen, but the dataset **downloads3** has *not* been changed.

arrange(downloads3, size) ## # A tibble: 36,708 x 6 machineName size time speed logSize slow ## ## <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> ## 1 cs18 3.73 0.804 0.477 Yes ## 2 piglet 3 1.53 1.96 0.477 Yes ## 3 piglet 3 1.53 1.96 0.477 Yes ## 4 tweetie 3 1.11 2.71 0.477 Yes ## 5 kermit 3 1.12 2.69 0.477 Yes ## 6 pluto 3 8.60 0.349 0.477 Yes 7 pluto 3 9.87 0.304 0.477 Yes 8 pluto 0.477 Yes ## 3 3.78 0.793 ## 9 pluto 3 4.68 0.641 0.477 Yes 3 4.93 0.608 ## 10 pluto 0.477 Yes ## # ... with 36,698 more rows Two different examples: # According to download size in descending order arrange(downloads3, desc(size)) ## # A tibble: 36,708 x 6 ## machineName speed logSize slow size time ## <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> ## 1 kermit 14518894 1380. 10522. 7.16 No ## 2 piglet 14158123 123. 115169. 7.15 No ## 3 kermit 9523767 171. 55562. 6.98 No ## 4 piglet 9384067 80.0 117309. 6.97 No 6.94 No ## 5 pluto 8674562 1878. 4619. ## 6 kermit 6935603 88.2 78655. 6.84 No ## 7 cs18 6360764 863. 6.80 No 7374. ## 8 piglet 5143062 597. 8611. 6.71 No ## 9 piglet 4812334 215. 22345. 6.68 No ## 10 cs18 4720220 1749. 2700. 6.67 No ## # ... with 36,698 more rows # After machine name and then according to download size in descending order arrange(downloads3, machineName, desc(size)) ## # A tibble: 36,708 x 6 machineName size time speed logSize slow ## <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> ## 1 cs18 6360764 863. 7374. 6.80 No ## 2 cs18 2700. 6.67 No 4720220 1749. ## 3 cs18 4055821 1275. 3180. 6.61 No ## 4 cs18 3047343 20.9 146038. 6.48 No ## 5 cs18 2952381 318. 9289. 6.47 No ## 6 cs18 2743516 1151. 2383. 6.44 No ## 7 cs18 2691689 0.834 3228695. 6.43 No ## 8 cs18 2613025 18.5 140959. 6.42 No

6.41 No

6.29 No

1928.

10388.

9 cs18

10 cs18

2573336 1335.

1931453 186.

... with 36,698 more rows

Grouping: group_by

We can group the dataset by one or more categorical variables with group_by. The dataset is not changed as such, but - as we will see - grouping can be useful for computation of summary statistics and graphics.

Here we group after machine name (first) and the slow variable (second). The only way we can see it at this point is in the second line in the output (# Groups:):

```
# Group according to machine
group_by(downloads3, machineName)
## # A tibble: 36,708 x 6
## # Groups: machineName [5]
##
     machineName size time speed logSize slow
##
     <chr>
               <dbl> <dbl>
                              <dbl>
                                      <dbl> <chr>
##
   1 cs18
                  2464 0.493 4998.
                                       3.39 No
##
   2 cs18
                  7745 0.326 23786.
                                       3.89 No
##
  3 cs18
                  6727 0.314 21444.
                                       3.83 No
##
  4 cs18
                 13049 0.583 22400.
                                       4.12 No
## 5 cs18
                   356 0.259 1373.
                                       2.55 No
                                       4.18 No
##
                 15063 0.336 44897.
  6 cs18
##
  7 cs18
                  2548 0.285 8945.
                                       3.41 No
##
  8 cs18
                  1932 0.286 6763.
                                       3.29 No
##
   9 cs18
                  7294 0.397 18368.
                                       3.86 No
## 10 cs18
                  4470 3.41
                              1311.
                                       3.65 No
## # ... with 36,698 more rows
# Group according to machine and slow
group_by(downloads3, machineName, slow)
## # A tibble: 36,708 x 6
## # Groups:
              machineName, slow [10]
     machineName size time speed logSize slow
                                      <dbl> <chr>
##
     <chr>
                 <dbl> <dbl>
                              <dbl>
                  2464 0.493 4998.
##
   1 cs18
                                       3.39 No
##
                  7745 0.326 23786.
                                       3.89 No
  2 cs18
##
   3 cs18
                  6727 0.314 21444.
                                       3.83 No
##
   4 cs18
                 13049 0.583 22400.
                                       4.12 No
##
   5 cs18
                   356 0.259 1373.
                                       2.55 No
##
  6 cs18
                 15063 0.336 44897.
                                       4.18 No
##
   7 cs18
                  2548 0.285 8945.
                                       3.41 No
##
  8 cs18
                  1932 0.286
                              6763.
                                       3.29 No
## 9 cs18
                  7294 0.397 18368.
                                       3.86 No
## 10 cs18
                  4470 3.41
                              1311.
                                       3.65 No
## # ... with 36,698 more rows
```

Summary statistics, revisited: summarize

Recall how we could compute summary statistics for a single variable in a dataset, e.g.

```
mean(downloads3$size)

## [1] 16638.36

max(downloads3$size)
```

[1] 14518894

With summarize we can compute summary statistics for a variable for each level of a grouping variable or for each combination of several grouping variables.

First, a bunch of summaries for the size variable for each machine name, where we give explicit names for the new variables:

```
downloads.grp1 <- group_by(downloads3, machineName)</pre>
summarize(downloads.grp1,
          avg = mean(size),
          med = median(size),
          stdev = sd(size),
          total = sum(size),
          n = n()
## # A tibble: 5 x 6
##
     machineName
                     avg
                           med
                                  stdev
                                             total
                                                       n
##
     <chr>>
                   <dbl> <dbl>
                                  <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <int>
## 1 cs18
                  26375. 1990. 208915. 100593281
                                                    3814
## 2 kermit
                  19247. 2466
                                213985. 175032552
## 3 piglet
                  14121. 2146. 188340. 158149841 11200
## 4 pluto
                  13822. 2069
                                144425.
                                         72605544
                                                    5253
## 5 tweetie
                  14207. 2197
                                 94318. 104379794
                                                    7347
Second, the same thing but for each combination of machine name and the slow variable:
downloads.grp2 <- group_by(downloads3, machineName, slow)</pre>
summarize(downloads.grp2,
          avg = mean(size),
          med = median(size),
          stdev = sd(size),
          total = sum(size),
          n = n()
## # A tibble: 10 x 7
## # Groups:
               machineName [5]
                            avg
##
      machineName slow
                                         stdev
                                                    total
                                   med
                                                               n
##
                   <chr>
      <chr>
                          <dbl> <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
                                                    <dbl> <int>
##
    1 cs18
                   No
                         27445. 2092. 213140. 100503042
                                                           3662
##
    2 cs18
                   Yes
                           594.
                                  368.
                                           614.
                                                    90239
                                                             152
##
    3 kermit
                   No
                         20030. 2598
                                       218529. 174602282 8717
##
   4 kermit
                   Yes
                          1141.
                                  541
                                         3049.
                                                   430270
##
    5 piglet
                         14687. 2264
                                       192365. 157650747 10734
                   No
##
    6 piglet
                   Yes
                          1071.
                                  416.
                                         1934.
                                                   499094
                                                             466
                                       148551.
    7 pluto
                         14564. 2164
                                                            4963
##
                   No
                                                 72280790
    8 pluto
                   Yes
                          1120.
                                  413
                                         2108.
                                                   324754
                                                             290
##
    9 tweetie
                         14894. 2373
                                        96694. 104001733
                                                            6983
                   No
## 10 tweetie
                          1039. 471
                                         2603.
                                                   378061
                                                             364
                   Yes
Third, mean and standard deviation for several variables:
summarize_at(downloads.grp2, c("time", "size"), list(ave=mean,stdev=sd))
## # A tibble: 10 x 6
## # Groups:
               machineName [5]
##
      machineName slow
                         time_ave size_ave time_stdev size_stdev
##
      <chr>
                   <chr>>
                             <dbl>
                                      <dbl>
                                                  <dbl>
                                                              <dbl>
                                                   57.1
    1 cs18
                              5.17
                                     27445.
                                                            213140.
##
                   No
    2 cs18
                              9.63
                                                   17.8
                   Yes
                                       594.
                                                               614.
```

##	3	kermit	No	3.41	20030.	25.3	218529.
##	4	kermit	Yes	20.7	1141.	47.8	3049.
##	5	piglet	No	2.33	14687.	13.8	192365.
##	6	piglet	Yes	19.4	1071.	40.2	1934.
##	7	pluto	No	3.40	14564.	30.4	148551.
##	8	pluto	Yes	21.7	1120.	46.3	2108.
##	9	tweetie	No	2.68	14894.	17.3	96694.
##	10	tweetie	Yes	17.8	1039.	34.5	2603.

The datasets with summaries can be saves as datasets themselves, for example to be used as the basis for certain graphs.

The pipe operator: %>%

Two or more function calls can be evaluated sequentially using the so-called pipe operator, %>%. Nesting of function calls becomes more readable, and intermediate assignments are avoided.

Let's try it to do a bunch of things in one go, starting with the original dataset:

```
downloads %>%
  filter(size>0) %>% # Subset of data
  group_by(machineName) %>% # Grouping
  summarize(avg = mean(size)) %>% # Compute mean
  arrange(avg) # Sort after mean
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##
     machineName
                     avg
##
     <chr>
                  <dbl>
## 1 pluto
                 13822.
## 2 piglet
                 14121.
## 3 tweetie
                 14207.
## 4 kermit
                 19247.
## 5 cs18
                 26375.
```