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Tidy data

Prepare data faster with reshape2

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Tidy data

What is tidy data?

- Data that is easy to model, visualise and aggregate (i.e. works well with `lm`, `ggplot`, and `dplyr`)
- A step along the road to clean data

Tidy Data

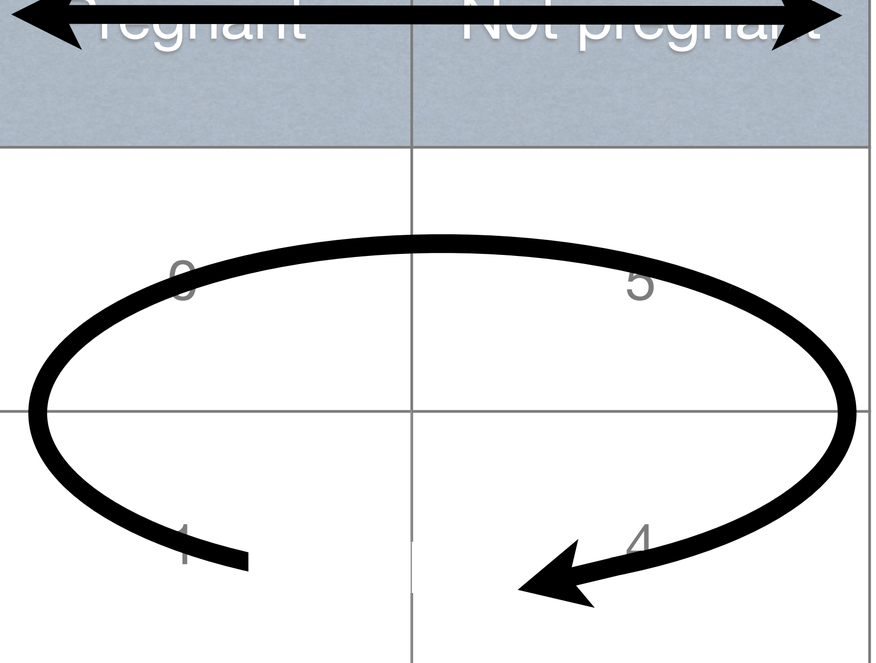
Storage	Contains
Rows	Observations
Columns	Variables
One data frame	Entire data se

Many useful R functions expect tidy data!

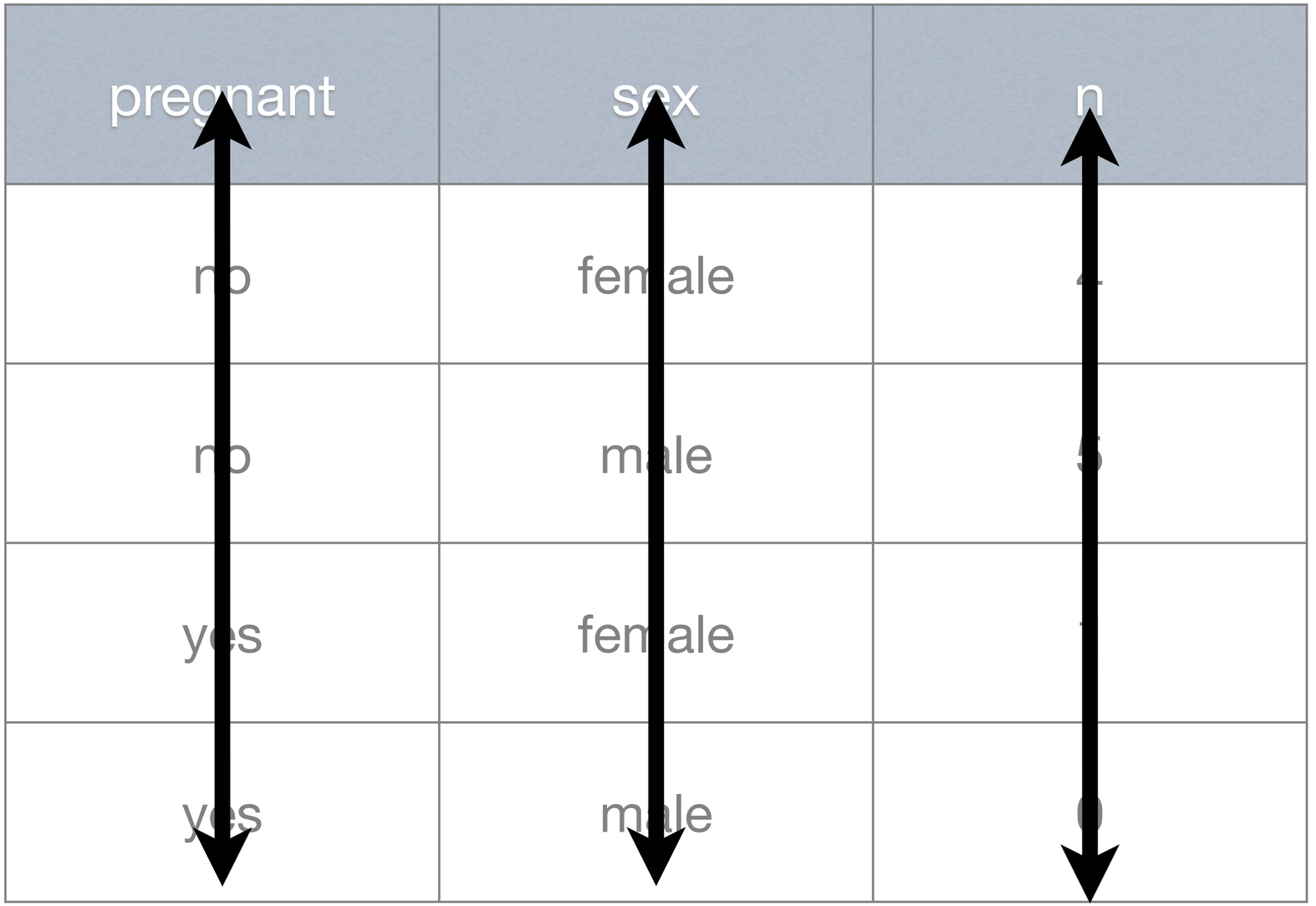
	Pregnant	Not pregnant
Male	0	5
Female	1	4

There are three variables in this data set.
What are they?

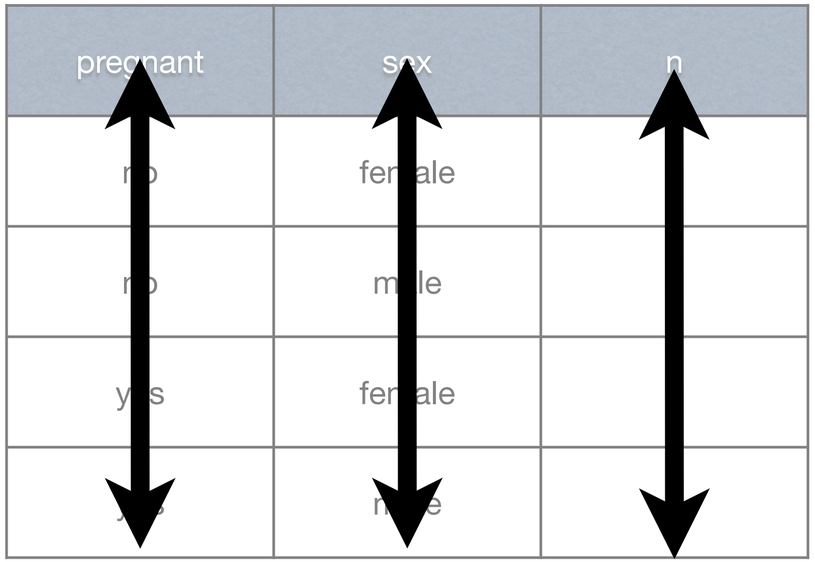
	Pregnant	Not pregnant
Male	3	5
Female	1	4

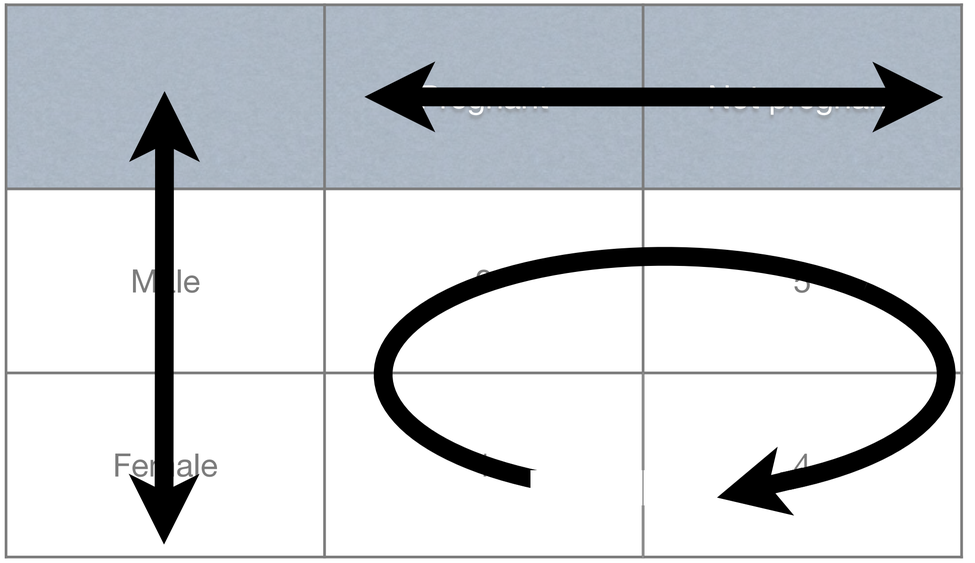


pregnant	sex	n
no	female	4
no	male	5
yes	female	1
yes	male	0



Which would you rather work with?






```
df$pregnant
df$sex
df$n
```

```
df[[1]]
names(df)
c(df[2,2],df[3,2],df[2,3],df[3,3])
```

Common causes of messiness

- column headers are values, not variable names
- cells are variable names, not values
- data split over multiple files

Values in column names

Income distribution within U.S. religious groups

- Collected by Pew Research Center
- Examines the relationship between income and religion in the US
- i.e, which religions have the wealthiest adherents?

Loading data

Make sure the file is in your working directory.

```
raw <- read.csv("data/pew.csv", check.names = F)
```

Name of file to read

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```

read function, based on file's separator character

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```

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"religion","<$10k","$10-20k","$20-30k","$30-40k","$40-50k","$50-75k","$7
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"Atheist",12,27,37,52,35,70,73,59,74,76
"Buddhist",27,21,30,34,33,58,62,39,53,54
"Catholic",418,617,732,670,638,1116,949,792,633,1489
"Don't know/refused",15,14,15,11,10,35,21,17,18,116
"Evangelical Prot",575,869,1064,982,881,1486,949,723,414,1529
"Hindu",1,9,7,9,11,34,47,48,54,37
"Historically Black Prot",228,244,236,238,197,223,131,81,78,339
"Jehovah's Witness",20,27,24,24,21,30,15,11,6,37
"Jewish",19,19,25,25,30,95,69,87,151,162
"Mainline Prot",289,495,619,655,651,1107,939,753,634,1328
"Mormon",29,40,48,51,56,112,85,49,42,69
"Muslim",6,7,9,10,9,23,16,8,6,22
"Orthodox",13,17,23,32,32,47,38,42,46,73
"Other Christian",9,7,11,13,13,14,18,14,12,18
"Other Faiths",20,33,40,46,49,63,46,40,41,71
"Other World Religions",5,2,3,4,2,7,3,4,4,8
"Unaffiliated",217,299,374,365,341,528,407,321,258,597
```

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`read.csv()`: comma separated

`read.delim()`: tab separated

`read.delim(sep = "|")`: | separated

`read.fwf()`: fixed width

```
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```

Not important.
The variable names in this data set begin with "$", which R would change to avoid possible problems.
I'm telling R not to.

Your turn

What are the variables in this data set?

```
head(raw)
      religion <$10k $10-20k $20-30k $30-40k $40-50k $50-75k $75-100k $100-150k >150k Don't know
1    Agnostic    27       34       60       81       76      137       122        109    84         96
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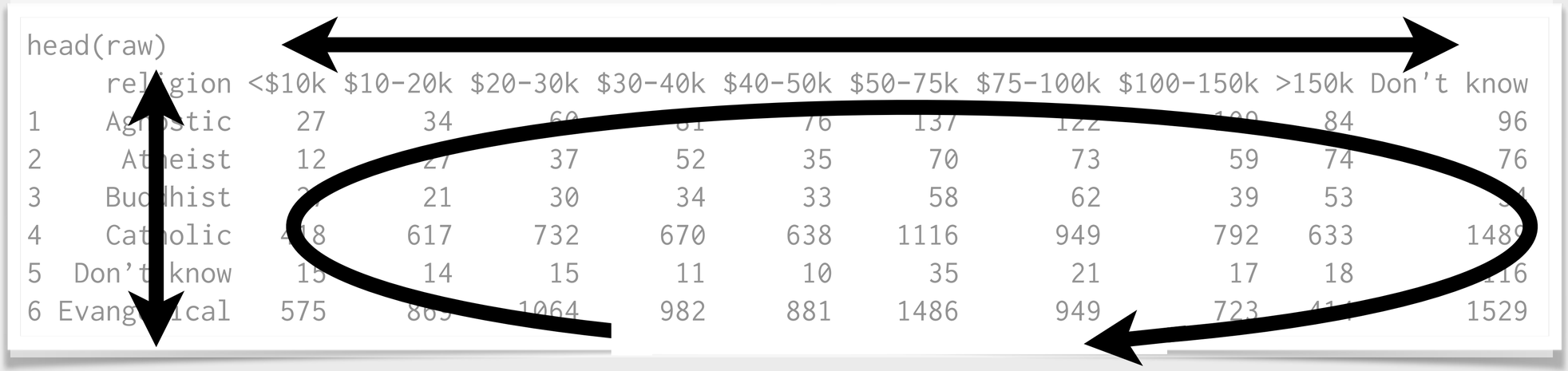

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```

```
# Fixing this problem is easy.  We use melt, from
# reshape2, with two arguments, the input data, and
# the columns which are already variables:

library(reshape2)
tidy <- melt(raw, id = "religion")

head(tidy)
```

Melting data

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```

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Melting data

data set to melt

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Melting data

data set to melt

column(s) to keep as is

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remaining columns are “melted” into 2 columns: variable and value

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Melting data

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```

Column names are placed into one column, named "variable"

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Melting data

data set to melt

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```
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```

Column names are placed into one column, named "variable"

```
head(tidy)
      religion variable     -
1     Agnostic    <$10k     -
2      Atheist    <$10k     -
3     Buddhist    <$10k     -
4     Catholic    <$10k     -
5  Don't know    <$10k     -
6 Evangelical    <$10k     -
```

Melting data

data set to melt

column(s) to keep as is

```
tidy <- melt(raw, id = "religion")
```

Cell values are placed into a second column named "value"

```
head(raw)
```

	religion	<$10k	$10-20k	$20-30k	$30-40k	$40-50k	$50-75k	$75-100k	$100-150k	>150k	Don't know
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```
# We can now fix the column names
names(tidy) <- c("religion", "income", "n")

# Alternatively
tidy <- melt(raw, id = "religion",
  variable.name = "income", value.name = "n")
```

Variable names in cells

Weather data

http://www.flickr.com/photos/76708317@N02/7024035011

- Daily temperatures in Cuernavaca, Mexico for 2010
- `1 - 31`, days of month
- `tmax`, `tmin`, maximum and minimum temperatures

```
"year" "month" "element" "1"  "2"  "3"  "4"  "5"  "6"  "7"  "8"  "9"
 "10" "11"
2010 1  "tmax"  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 1  "tmin"  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 2  "tmax"  .  273  241  .  .  .  .  .  .  297  .  .
2010 2  "tmin"  .  144  144  .  .  .  .  .  .  134  .  .
2010 3  "tmax"  .  .  .  .  321  .  .  .  .  345  .  .  .
2010 3  "tmin"  .  .  .  .  142  .  .  .  .  168  .  .  .
2010 4  "tmax"  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 4  "tmin"  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 5  "tmax"  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 5  "tmin"  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 6  "tmax"  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 6  "tmin"  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 7  "tmax"  .  .  286  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 7  "tmin"  .  .  175  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 8  "tmax"  .  .  .  .  296  .  .  290  .  .  .  .  298
2010 8  "tmin"  .  .  .  .  158  .  .  173  .  .  .  .  165
2010 10 "tmax"  .  .  .  .  270  .  281  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 10 "tmin"  .  .  .  .  140  .  129  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 11 "tmax"  .  313  .  272  263  .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
2010 11 "tmin"  .  163  .  120  79 .  .  .  .  .  .  .  .
```

```
raw <- read.delim("data/weather.txt",
  check.names = F, na.strings = ".")
```

```
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```

Converts every . to an NA

Your turn

Melt the data to fix the days variable.

What do you need to do next?

```
# na.rm = TRUE is useful if the missing values don't have
# any meaning
raw <- melt(raw,
  id = c("year", "month", "element"),
  variable.name = "day", na.rm = TRUE)

# reordering columns
raw <- raw[, c("year", "month", "day",
  "element", "value")]
```

```
# What are the variables in this dataset?
# Hint: tmin = minimum temperature
```

```
> head(raw)
    year month day element value
21 2010    12   1    tmax   299
22 2010    12   1    tmin   138
25 2010     2   2    tmax   273
26 2010     2   2    tmin   144
41 2010    11   2    tmax   313
42 2010    11   2    tmin   163
```

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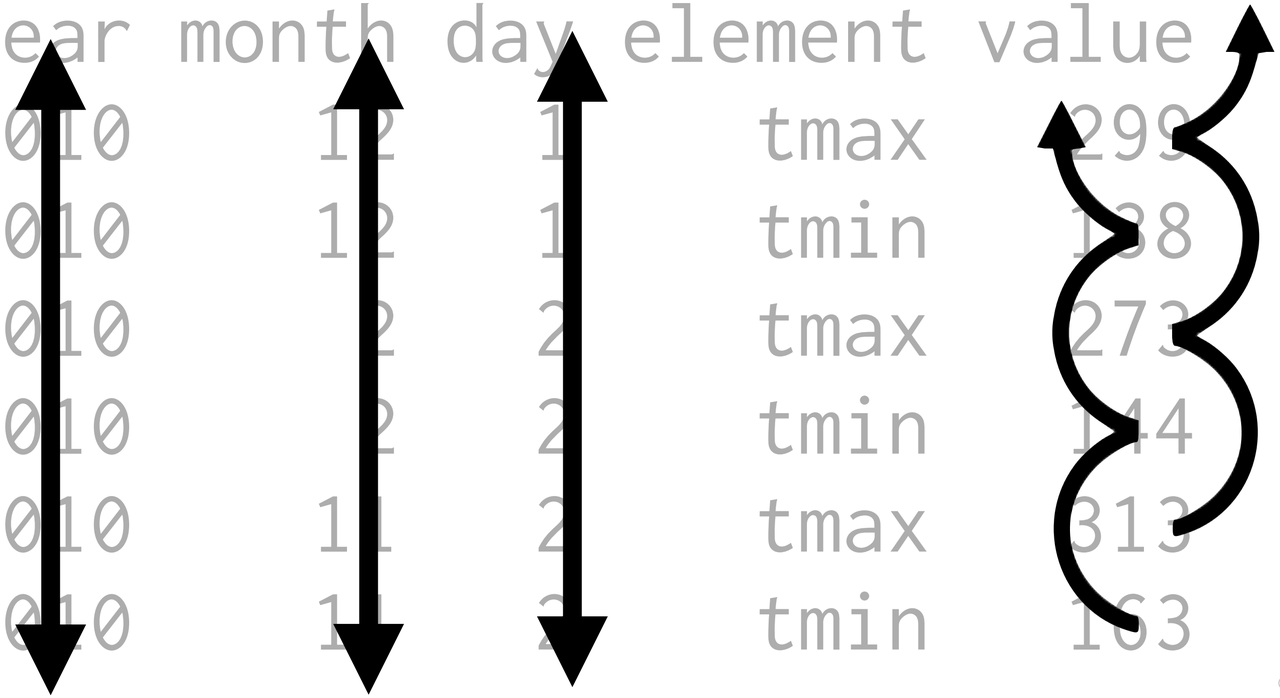

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titanic2

Characteristics and fate of passengers on the Titanic.

```
titanic2 <- read.csv("data/titanic2.csv",
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```

```
head(titanic2)
#  class   age      fate male female
#    1st adult perished  118      4
#    1st adult survived   57    140
#    1st child perished    0      0
#    1st child survived    5      1
#    2nd adult perished  154     13
#    2nd adult survived   14     80
```

Your turn

$$\text{survival rate} = \frac{\#\text{ survived}}{\#\text{ survived} + \#\text{ perished}}$$

Compute the survival rate of each unique group of age, class, and gender.

You will need to practice everything you've learned so far to tidy titanic2.

(Hint: the equation above requires survived and perished to be separate variables)

Step 1

```
tidy <- melt(titanic2, id = c("class", "age", "fate"),
  variable.name = "gender")
head(tidy)
# class   age     fate gender value
#   1st adult perished   male   118
#   1st adult survived   male    57
#   1st child perished   male     0
#   1st child survived   male     5
#   2nd adult perished   male   154
#   2nd adult survived   male    14
```

Step 2

```
tidy <- dcast(tidy, class + age + gender ~ fate,
  value.var = "value")
head(tidy)
#  class   age gender perished survived
#    1st adult   male      118       57
#    1st adult female        4      140
#    1st child   male        0        5
#    1st child female        0        1
#    2nd adult   male      154       14
#    2nd adult female       13       80
```

Step 3

```
tidy$rate <- round(tidy$survived /
  (tidy$survived + tidy$perished), 2)
head(tidy)
# class   age gender perished survived rate
#   1st adult   male      118       57 0.33
#   1st adult female        4      140 0.97
#   1st child   male        0        5 1.00
#   1st child female        0        1 1.00
#   2nd adult   male      154       14 0.08
#   2nd adult female       13       80 0.86
```

Data split across many files

df1

color	value
white	1
white	2

+

df2

color	value
blue	3
blue	4
blue	5

→

color	value
white	1
white	2
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```
rbind(df1, df2)
```

df1

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df2

x	n
a	3
b	4
c	5

→

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```
cbind(df1, df2)
```

Saving data

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```
# For long-term storage
write.csv(tidy, file = "tidy.csv",
  row.names = FALSE)

# For short-term caching
# Preserves factors etc.
saveRDS(tidy, "tidy.rds")
tidy2 <- readRDS("tidy.rds")
```

Data will be saved in your working directory

.csv	.rds
`read.csv()`	`readRDS()`
`write.csv(row.names = FALSE)`	`saveRDS()`
Only data frames	Any R object
Can be read by any program	Only by R
Long term storage	Short term caching of expensive computations

```
# Easy to store compressed files to save space:
write.csv(tidy, file = bzfile("tidy.csv.bz2"),
  row.names = FALSE)

# Reading is even easier:
tidy3 <- read.csv("tidy.csv.bz2")

# Files stored with saveRDS() are automatically
# compressed.
```