## THE #RDATATABLE PACKAGE

for fast, flexible and memory efficient data wrangling

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- If time permits, will discuss fread, fwrite, rbindlist, reshape etc.

#### BASE R REFRESHER

#### EXERCISE 1A

- 1a. Subset all rows where id column equals 1 & code column is not equal to "c"
- 1b. Same as (1) but perform the subset using with(). See ?with if necessary
- 2. Select valA and valB columns from DF1 and store it in variable tmp1
- 3. Get sum(valA) and sum(valB) for id > 1 as a 1-row, 2-col data.frame
- 4. Replace valB with valB+1 for all rows where code == "c"
- 5. Add a new column valc column with values equal to valB^2 valA^2
- **6.** Get sum(valA) and sum(valB) grouped by id and code (i.e., for each unique combination of id, code)
- 7. Get sum(valA) and sum(valB) grouped by id for id >= 2 & code %in% c("a", "c")
- 8. Replace valA with max(valA)-min(valA) grouped by code
- 9. Create a new col named valb with max(valb)-min(valA) grouped by code

#### **EXERCISE 1B**

10. Subset DF1 by DF2 on id, code column. That is, for each row of DF2\$id, DF2\$code, get valA and valB cols from DF1. Include rows that have no matches as

well.

- 11. Same as (10), but fetch just the **first** matching row of **DF1** for each row of **DF2\$id**, **DF2\$code**. Exclude non-matching rows.
- 12. For every row of DF2\$id, DF2\$code that matches with DF1's, update valA with valA\*mul.
- 13. Add a new column val to DF1 with values from DF2\$mul where DF2\$id, DF2\$code matches with DF1's. Rows that don't match should have NA.
- 14. Compute sum(valA)\*mul for every row of DF2\$id, DF2\$code by matching it against DF1.
- 15. For every row of **DF2\$id**, **DF2\$code** that matches with **DF1**'s, update **valB** with **valB\*mul**.

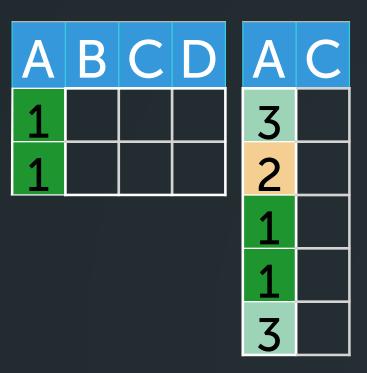
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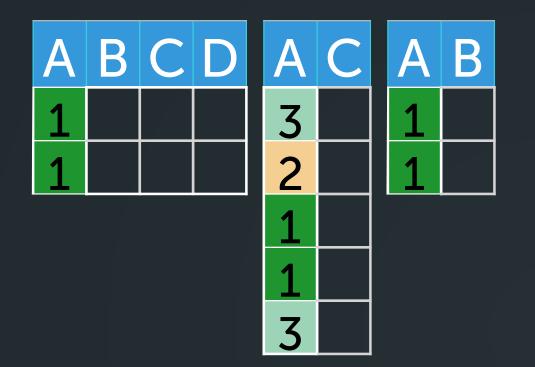
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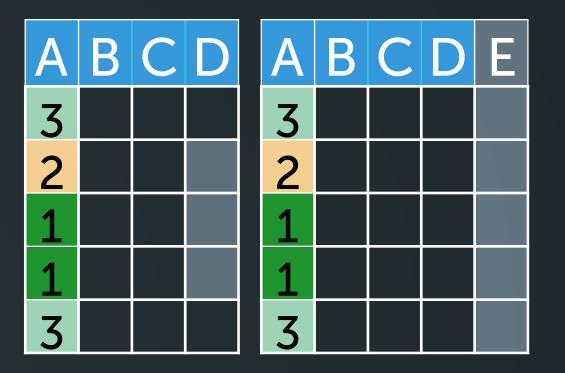


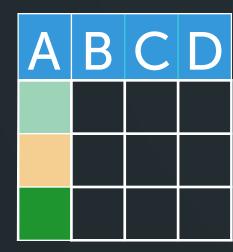
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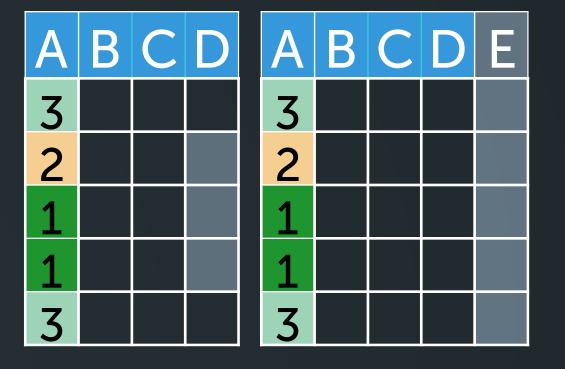
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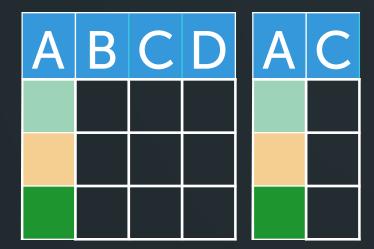




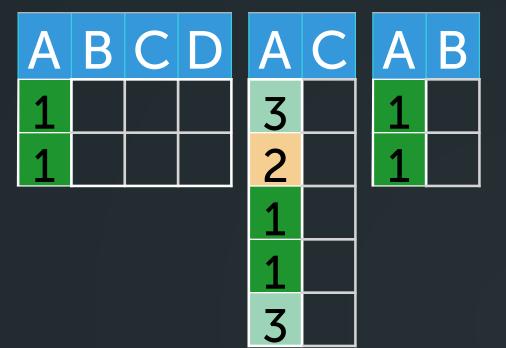


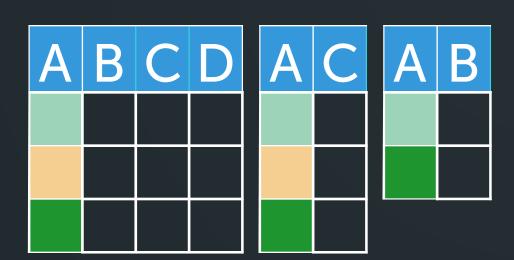
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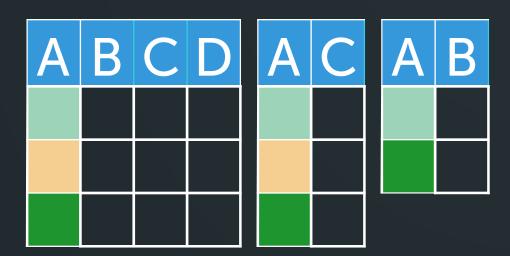


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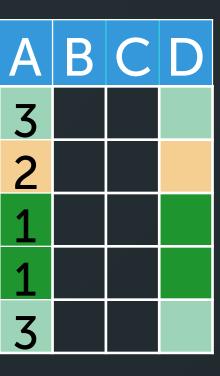
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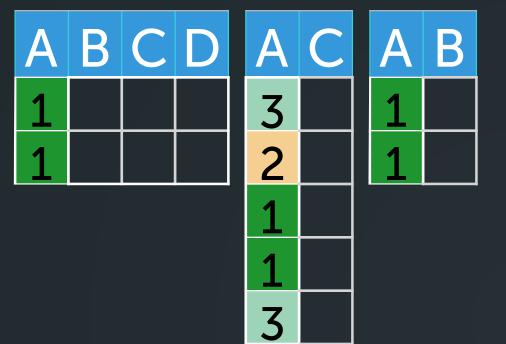
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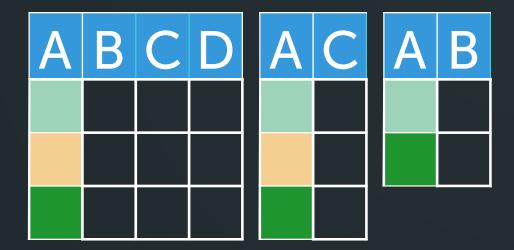


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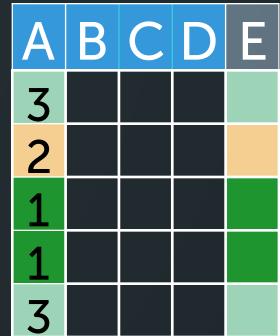


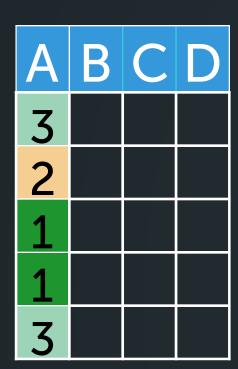


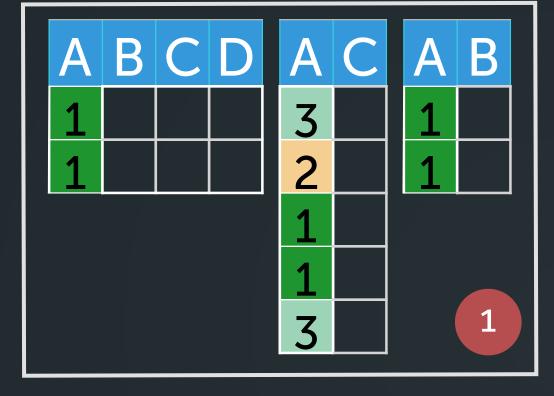


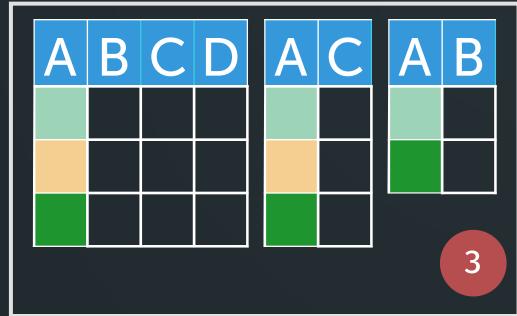
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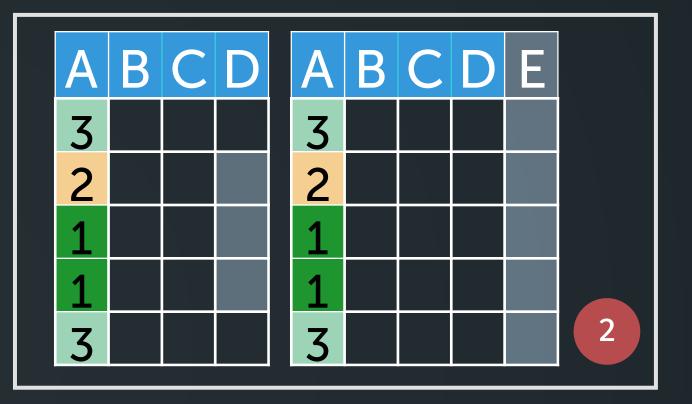


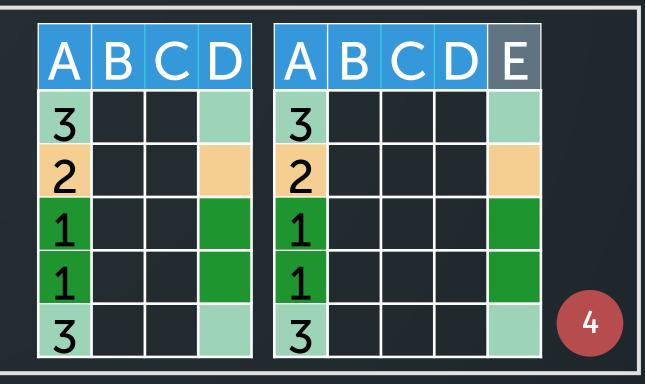








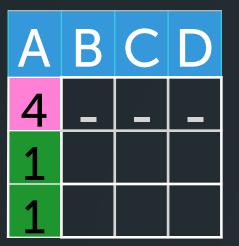


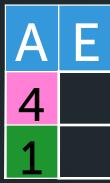


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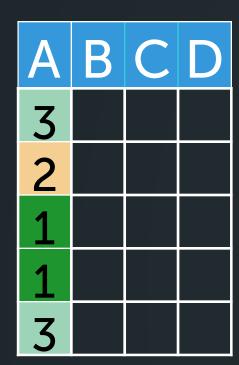
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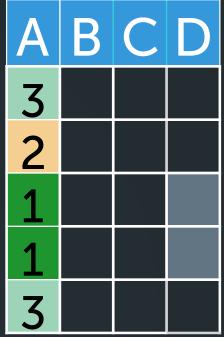






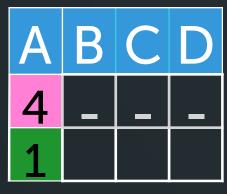
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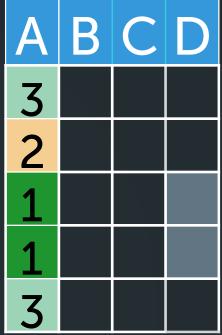






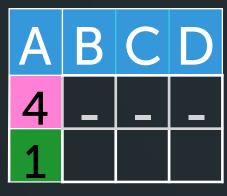
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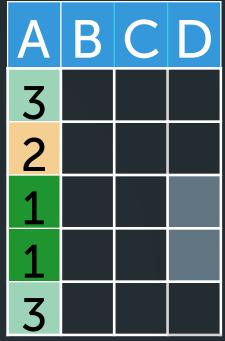






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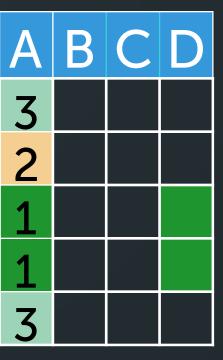


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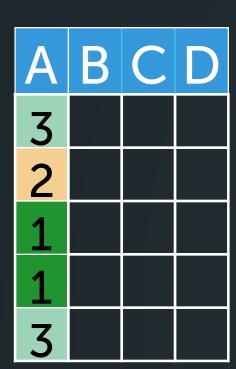
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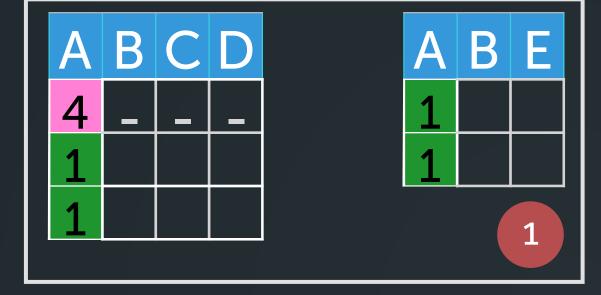


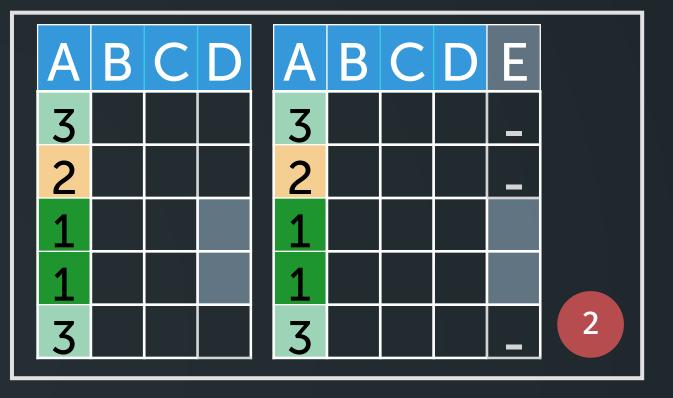




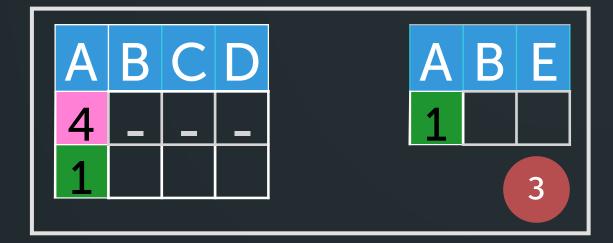


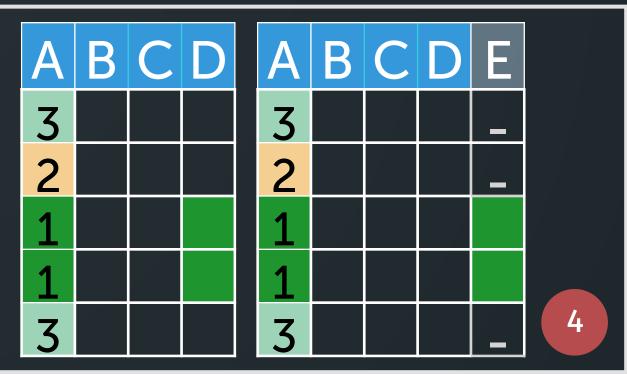


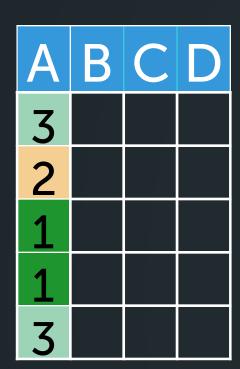


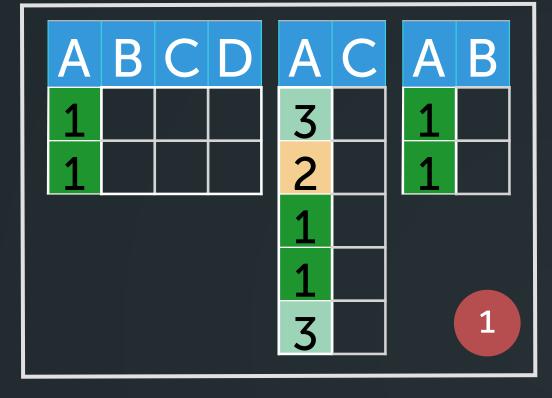


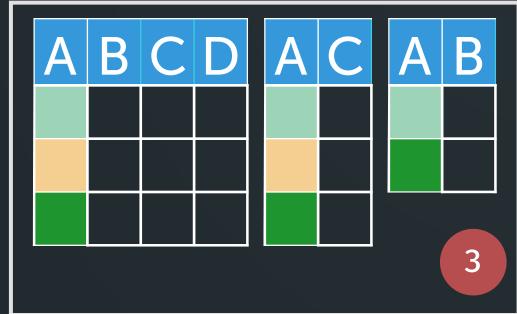


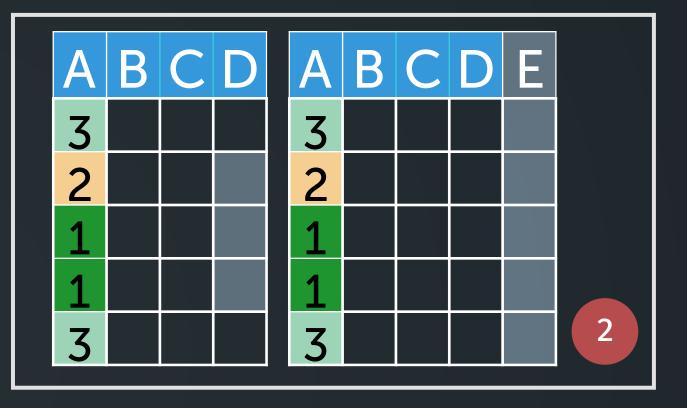




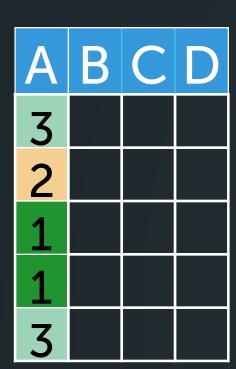


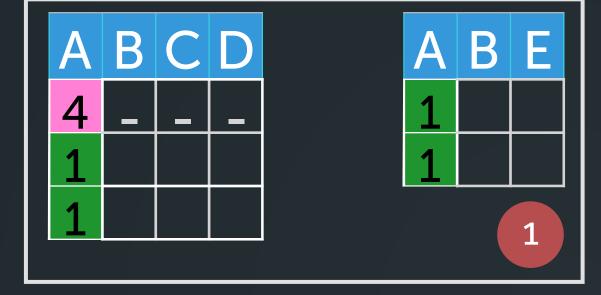


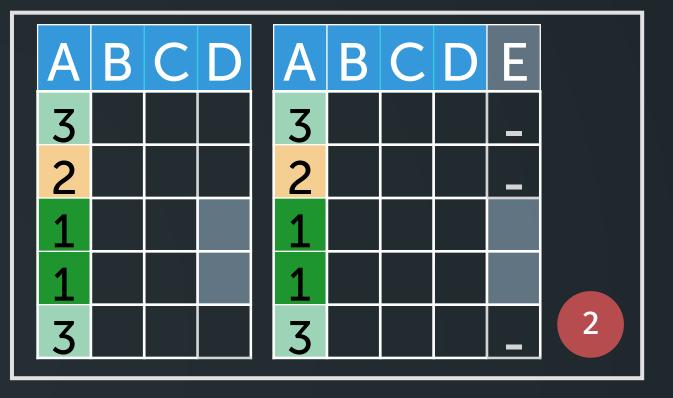




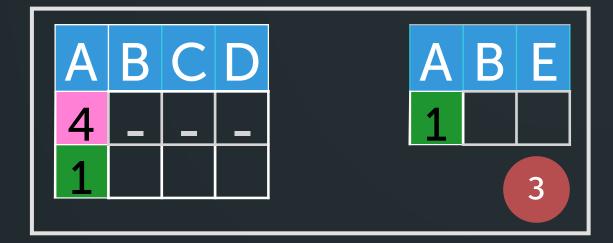


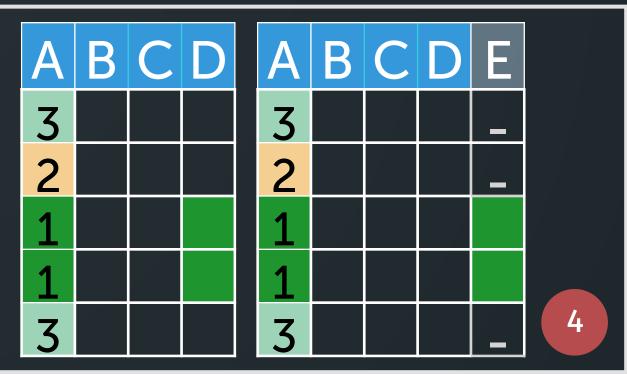














#### OUTLINE

- Discuss each group (1-4) one by one and learn
  data.table with these exercises you just attempted (~10
  min for each group)
- You will internalise the concepts by solving exercises immediately after each group (~15-20 min)
- We will go through the answers (~5-10 min)
- If time permits, discuss other functions.

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On which rows

What to do?

Grouped by what?

### CREATING DATA.TABLE

```
require(data.table)
DT1 = as.data.table(DF1)
DT2 = as.data.table(DF2)
```

# Group 1

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
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4:	2	С	2
5:	3	d	1

DT1[DT2,	on=.(id,	code),
.(valA,	valB)]	

	valA	valB
1:	NA	NA
2:	NA	NA
3:	1	10
4:	3	12
5:	4	13
6:	9	18
7:	NA	NA
8:	NA	NA

11. Same as (10), but fetch just the **first** matching row of **DF1** for each row of **DF2\$id**, **DF2\$code**. Exclude non-matching rows.

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## Practice

## GROUP 1 WRAP UP

### **Easy-moderate:**

- 1. Get all rows where valA > 5 and valB is  $\leq$  16 from DT1.
- 2. Get all rows where valA is in between 5 and 8 (both included) from DT1.
- 3. Order DT1 by code in increasing order, and within that by valA in decreasing order.
- 4. Return the last two rows of DT1.
- 5. Return a random sample of 4 rows.
- 6. Get median of valA and valB cols where code is not "a". Name the columns 'mA' and 'mB'.
- 7. Remove all rows in DT2 where DT2\$code is duplicated. Store the result in DT3. Hint: see ? duplicated.

#### **Moderate-Hard:**

- 8. Return all unique combinations of id, code (as a two column data.table) where valA $^2$  > valB. Hint: you'll need to use the function `unique()` in `j`.
- 9. Read ?`.SD` and check explanation and examples and try to use `.SD` in `j` to solve (8).
- 10. For every DT3\$code, return the last matching values of valA from DT1 along with 'id' column from DT3. i.e., result should contain code, valA and id (from DT3) columns. Do not remove non-matching rows.

# Group 2

4. Replace valB with valB+1 for all rows where code == "c"

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

4. Replace valB with valB+1 for all rows where code == "c"

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	11
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	13
4:	1	С	4	14
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	19

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5. Add a new column valc column with values equal to valB^2 - valA^2

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18



5. Add a new column valc column with values equal to valB^2 - valA^2

	id	code	valA	valB	valC
1:	1	С	1	10	99
2:	1	b	2	11	117
3:	1	С	3	12	135
4:	1	С	4	<b>13</b>	153
5:	2	а	5	14	171
6:	2	а	6	15	189
7:	1	b	7	16	207
8:	2	а	8	17	225
9:	1	С	9	18	243



5. Add a new column valc column with values equal to valB^2 - valA^2

	id	code	valA	valB	valC
1:	1	С	1	10	99
2:	1	b	2	11	117
3:	1	С	3	12	135
4:	1	С	4	13	153
5:	2	а	5	14	171
6:	2	а	6	15	189
7:	1	b	7	16	207
8:	2	а	8	17	225
9:	1	С	9	18	243

```
DT1[, valC := valB^2-valA^2]
```

12. For every row of DF2\$id, DF2\$code that matches with DF1's, update valA with valA\*mul.

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

	id	code	mul
1:	3	b	5
2:	1	a	4
3:	1	С	3
4:	2	С	2
5:	3	d	1

12. For every row of DF2\$id, DF2\$code that matches with DF1's, update valA with valA\*mul.

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

	id	code	mul
1:	3	b	5
2:	1	а	4
3:	1	С	3
4:	2	С	2
5:	3	d	1

12. For every row of DF2\$id, DF2\$code that matches with DF1's, update valA with valA\*mul.

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	3	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	9	12
4:	1	С	12	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	27	18

	id	code	mul
1:	3	b	5
2:	1	а	4
3:	1	С	3
4:	2	С	2
5:	3	d	1

```
DT1[DT2, on=.(id, code),
    valA := valA*i.mul]
```

13. Add a new column val to DF1 with values from DF2\$mul where DF2\$id, DF2\$code matches with DF1's. Rows that don't match should have NA.

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

13. Add a new column val to DF1 with values from DF2\$mul where DF2\$id, DF2\$code matches with DF1's. Rows that don't match should have NA.

	id	code	valA	valB	val
1:	1	С	1	10	3
2:	1	b	2	11	NA
3:	1	С	3	12	3
4:	1	С	4	13	3
5:	2	а	5	14	NA
6:	2	а	6	15	NA
7:	1	b	7	16	NA
8:	2	а	8	17	NA
9:	1	С	9	18	3

```
DT1[DT2, on=.(id, code),
    val := i.mul]
```

## Practice

## **GROUP 2 WRAP UP**

### Easy-moderate: (unless specified, assume DT1)

- 1. On those rows where id != 2, replace valA and valB with valA+1 and valB+1 respectively.
- 2. On those rows where id == 2, replace valA with valB if valA is <= 7, else with valB^2.
- 3. Create a new column 'tmp' and assign 'NA' to it by reference.
- 4. What's the type (or class) of `tmp` column that we just created?
- 5. Do DT1[, tmp := NULL] and observe the output.. What's the difference compared to (3)?

### **Moderate-Hard:**

- 6. Create a new column named "rank" which takes value 1 where code == "a", 2 where code == "b" and 3 where code == "c". Do it in as many different ways you could think of :-).
- 7. Let DT3 = DT2[!duplicated(code)]. Update both valA and valB columns with 'valA\*mul' and 'valB\*mul' wherever DT3\$code matches DT1\$code.. What happens to those rows where there are no matches in DT1? Why?
- 8. Add the column 'mul' from DT2 to DT1 by reference where DT2\$id matches DT1\$id. What happens to those values where DT2\$id has the same value occurring more than once?
- 9. Replace DT2\$mul with NA where DT1\$id, DT1\$code matches DT2\$id, DT2\$code.

# Group 3

**6.** Get **sum(valA)** and **sum(valB)** grouped by **id** and **code** (i.e., for each unique combination of **id, code**)

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

```
DT1[, .(sum(valA), sum(valB)),
by=.(id, code)]
```

	id	code	V1	V2
1:	1	С	17	53
2:	1	b	9	27
3:	2	a	19	46

7. Get sum(valA) and sum(valB) grouped by id for id >= 2 & code %in% c("a", "c")

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

id	code	V1	V2
2	a	19	46

```
DT1[id >= 2 & code %in% c("a", "c"),
    lapply(.SD, sum),
    by=.(id, code)]
```

**14**. Compute **sum(valA)\*mul** for every row of **DF2\$id**, **DF2\$code** by matching it against **DF1**.

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

	id	code	mul
1:	3	b	5
2:	1	a	4
3:	1	С	3
4:	2	С	2
5:	3	d	1

```
DT1[DT2, on=.(id, code),
    sum(valA)*mul,
    by=.EACHI]
```

	id	code	V1
1:	3	b	NA
2:	1	а	NA
3:	1	С	51
4:	2	С	NA
5:	3	d	NA

## GROUP 3 WRAP UP

### Easy-moderate: (unless specified, assume DT1)

- 1. Get max(valB) min(valA) grouped by code. Name the column 'diff'.
- 2. Get max(valA) min(valB) grouped by code and id. Name the column 'diff'
- 3. Get the median of valA grouped by code.
- 4. Get the median of valA and log(sum(valB)) grouped by code. Why does it fail? Hint: Read the error message and use verbose = TRUE for both (3) and (4) and observe the difference.
- 5. For each code (i.e., grouped by code) randomly sample one row of the rest of the columns. Hint: you could do it with `.SD` and `.N` and `sample()`.

#### **Moderate-Hard:**

- 6. Get the most frequently occurring code grouped by id. This might require multiple steps.
- 7. Get the count of values where valA > sqrt(valB) is TRUE and the count of values where the condition isn't TRUE.
- 8. Get min(valA) of DT1 from rows that match id, code from DT2 and NA if it doesn't match.
- 9. Get max(valB) of DT1 from rows that match id, code from DT2. Only keep matching rows
- 10. Let DT3 = DT2[!duplicated(id)]. For each DT3\$id, get sum of valB only where valA >= mul.

# Group 4

8. Replace valA with max(valA)-min(valA) grouped by code

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	a	5	14
6:	2	a	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

```
DT1[, valA :=
   max(valA)-min(valA),
   by=code]
```

8. Replace valA with max(valA)-min(valA) grouped by code

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	8	10
2:	1	b	5	11
3:	1	С	8	12
4:	1	С	8	13
5:	2	a	3	14
6:	2	a	3	15
7:	1	b	5	16
8:	2	a	3	17
9:	1	С	8	18

```
DT1[, valA :=
   max(valA)-min(valA),
   by=code]
```

9. Create a new col named valD with max(valB)-min(valA) grouped by code

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	a	5	14
6:	2	a	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	a	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

```
DT1[, valD :=
    max(valB)-min(valA),
    by=code]
```

9. Create a new col named valb with max(valb)-min(vala) grouped by code

	id	code	valA	valB	valD
1:	1	С	1	10	17
2:	1	b	2	11	14
3:	1	С	3	12	17
4:	1	С	4	13	17
5:	2	а	5	14	12
6:	2	а	6	15	12
<b>7</b> :	1	b	7	16	14
8:	2	а	8	17	12
9:	1	С	9	18	17

```
DT1[, valD :=
    max(valB)-min(valA),
    by=code]
```

15. For every row of **DF2\$id**, **DF2\$code** that matches with **DF1**'s, update **valB** with **valB\*mul**.

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	10
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	12
4:	1	С	4	13
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	18

	id	code	mul
1:	3	b	5
2:	1	а	4
3:	1	С	3
4:	2	С	2
5:	3	d	1

```
DT1[DT2, on=.(id, code),
  valB := valB*i.mul,
  by=.EACHI]
```

15. For every row of **DF2\$id**, **DF2\$code** that matches with **DF1**'s, update **valB** with **valB\*mul**.

	id	code	valA	valB
1:	1	С	1	30
2:	1	b	2	11
3:	1	С	3	36
4:	1	С	4	39
5:	2	а	5	14
6:	2	а	6	15
7:	1	b	7	16
8:	2	а	8	17
9:	1	С	9	54

	id	code	mul
1:	3	b	5
2:	1	a	4
3:	1	С	3
4:	2	С	2
5:	3	d	1

```
DT1[DT2, on=.(id, code),
  valB := valB*i.mul,
  by=.EACHI]
```

## GROUP 4 WRAP UP

### Easy-moderate: (unless specified, assume DT1)

- 1) Update valB with valB\*<no: of rows in that group> grouped by code
- 2) Update both valA and valB with valA\*max(valA) and valB\*max(valB) respectively grouped by id, code
- 3) Create two new columns 'A2', 'B2', while grouped by code, by randomly sampling (with replacement) the same number of rows in the group from valA and valB respectively.
- 4. Add a column named 'uniq\_N' which contains the count of unique 'code' values, while grouped by 'id'.

#### **Moderate-Hard:**

- 5. Update all rows of valB with NA where DT3\$id, DT3\$code \*don't\* match with DT1\$id, DT1\$code.
- 6. Let DT3 = DT2[!duplicated(id)]. For each DT3\$id, find all rows in DT1\$id that is <= DT3\$id and compute sum(valA)\*mul.