Lab 02: Data and Reproducibility

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Due date

This lab is due on Monday, September 22 at 11:59pm. To be considered on time, the following must be done by the due date:

• Final .pdf file submitted on Gradescope

Introduction

The main goal is to learn data processing using tidyverse and introduce you to version control using Github.

Learning goals

By the end of the lab, you will learn:

- 1. Tidyverse basics
- 2. Data wrangling with dplyr
- 3. Data tidying with tidyr

The tidyverse

A whole "universe" of functions within R

• The most powerful, intuitive, and popular approach to data cleaning, wrangling, and visualization in R

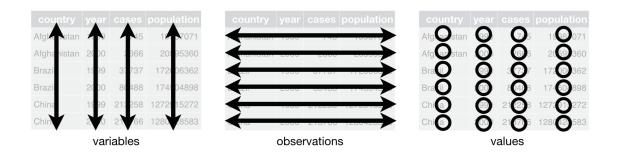
Advantages:

- Consistent philosophy and syntax
- "Verb" based approach makes it more familiar to users of Stata/SAS/SPSS
- Serves as the front-end for many other big data and ML tools

Tidying Data

The two most important properties of tidy data are:

- 1. Each column is a unique variable.
- 2. Each row is a single observation.



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Tidy data is easier to work with, because you have a consistent way of referring to variables and observations. It then becomes easy to manipulate, visualize, and model.

Wide vs. Long Formats

Both of these data sets display information on heart rate observed in individuals across 3 different time periods:

	name	time1	time2	time3		
1	Wilbur	67	56	70		
2	Petunia	80	90	67		
3	Gregory	64	50	101		
	name	time 1	heartra	ate		
1	Wilbur	1		67		
2	Petunia	1		80		
3	Gregory	1	64			

```
4 Wilbur
              2
                        56
5 Petunia
              2
                        90
6 Gregory
              2
                        50
7 Wilbur
              3
                        70
8 Petunia
              3
                        67
9 Gregory
              3
                        10
```

Which dataframe is in *tidy* format?

Wide data:

- Row = patient. Columns = repeated observations over time.
- Often easier to take in at a glance (as in a spreadsheet).

Long data:

- Row = one observation. Columns = ID variables + observed variable.
- Usually easier to clean, merge with other data, and avoid errors.

Tidy data is more likely to be long.

• Most R packages have been written assuming your data is in long format.

"Tidy datasets are all alike but every messy dataset is messy in its own way." – Hadley Wickham

Tidyverse packages

We need to install and load a couple of packages. Run these preliminaries:

```
# load and install package if necessary
if (!require("pacman")) install.packages("pacman")
pacman::p_load(
   tidyverse,
   nycflights13
   )
```

We see that we have actually loaded a number of packages (which could also be loaded individually): **ggplot2**, **tibble**, **dplyr**, etc. - We can also see information about the package versions and some namespace conflicts.

The tidyverse actually comes with a lot more packages than those that are just loaded automatically.

tidyverse_packages()

```
[1] "broom"
                      "conflicted"
                                       "cli"
                                                         "dbplyr"
                      "dtplyr"
 [5] "dplyr"
                                       "forcats"
                                                         "ggplot2"
                                                         "hms"
 [9] "googledrive"
                      "googlesheets4" "haven"
[13] "httr"
                      "jsonlite"
                                                         "magrittr"
                                       "lubridate"
[17] "modelr"
                      "pillar"
                                       "purrr"
                                                         "ragg"
                                       "reprex"
[21] "readr"
                      "readxl"
                                                         "rlang"
                      "rvest"
                                       "stringr"
                                                         "tibble"
[25] "rstudioapi"
                                       "tidyverse"
[29] "tidyr"
                      "xm12"
```

All of these are super useful

- lubridate helps us work with dates
- **rvest** is for webscraping

This labs will focus on two that are automatically loaded: **dplyr** and **tidyr**.

Pipes: |> or %>%

Pipes take the **output** of one function and feed it into the **first argument** of the next (which you then skip).

dataframe |> filter(condition) is equivalent to filter(dataframe, condition).

Note: |> on these slides is generated by the two characters | >, without the space.

Older version of the pipe: %>% * From the magrittr package loaded with the tidyverse * Works identically to |> in most situations.

Keyboard shortcut: Ctl/Cmd + Shift + M

• Have to turn on a setting in RStudio options to make |> the default

Pipes can dramatically improve the experience of reading and writing code. Compare:

```
## These next two lines of code do exactly the same thing.

mpg |> filter(manufacturer=="audi") |>
    group_by(model) |>
    summarize(hwy_mean = mean(hwy))
```

```
summarize(group_by(filter(mpg, manufacturer=="audi"), model), hwy_mean = mean(hwy))
```

The first line reads from left to right, exactly how you think about the operations.

The second line totally inverts this logical order (the final operation comes first!)

Best practice is to put each function on its own line and indent. Look how much more readable this is:

```
mpg |>
  filter(manufacturer == "audi") |>
  group_by(model) |>
  summarize(hwy_mean = mean(hwy))
```

Vertical space costs nothing and makes for much more readable/writable code than cramming things horizontally.

All together, this multi-line line of code is called a **pipeline**.

Key dplyr verbs

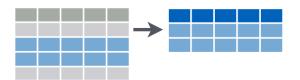
There are five key dplyr verbs that you need to learn.

- 1. filter: Filter (i.e. subset) rows based on their values.
- 2. arrange: Arrange (i.e. reorder) rows based on their values.
- 3. select: Select (i.e. subset) columns by their names:
- 4. mutate: Create new columns.
- 5. summarize: Collapse multiple rows into a single summary value.

Let's practice these functions together using the **starwars** data frame that comes pre-packaged with dplyr.

Exercise 1: dplyr::filter

Subset Observations (Rows)



We can chain multiple filter commands with the pipe (|>), or just separate them within a single filter command using commas.

```
starwars |>
filter(
   species == "Human",
   height >= 190
)
```

A tibble: 4 x 14

	name	height	${\tt mass}$	hair_color	skin_color	eye_color	birth_year	sex	gender
	<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<chr>></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Darth Va~	202	136	none	white	yellow	41.9	${\tt male}$	mascu~
2	Qui-Gon ~	193	89	brown	fair	blue	92	${\tt male}$	mascu~
3	Dooku	193	80	white	fair	brown	102	${\tt male}$	mascu~
4	Bail Pre~	191	NA	black	tan	brown	67	${\tt male}$	mascu~

```
# i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films <list>,
# vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

Regular expressions work well too.

```
starwars |>
filter(str_detect(name, "Skywalker"))
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 14
           height mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex
 name
                                                                          gender
  <chr>
             <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                    <chr>
                                               <chr>
                                                              <dbl> <chr> <chr>
1 Luke Sky~
               172
                      77 blond
                                    fair
                                               blue
                                                               19
                                                                    male mascu~
2 Anakin S~
               188
                      84 blond
                                    fair
                                                               41.9 male mascu~
                                               blue
3 Shmi Sky~
               163
                      NA black
                                    fair
                                               brown
                                                                    fema~ femin~
# i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films st>,
    vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

A very common filter use case is identifying (or removing) missing data cases.

```
starwars |>
filter(is.na(height))
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 14
           height mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex
 name
                                                                          gender
            <int> <dbl> <chr>
 <chr>>
                                    <chr>
                                               <chr>
                                                              <dbl> <chr> <chr>
1 Arvel Cr~
               NA
                      NA brown
                                    fair
                                               brown
                                                                 NA male mascu~
2 Finn
               NA
                      NA black
                                                                 NA male mascu~
                                    dark
                                               dark
3 Rey
               NA
                      NA brown
                                    light
                                               hazel
                                                                 NA fema~ femin~
4 Poe Dame~
               NA
                      NA brown
                                    light
                                               brown
                                                                 NA male mascu~
                                               black
                                                                 NA none mascu~
5 BB8
               NA
                      NA none
                                    none
                                               unknown
                                                                 NA fema~ femin~
6 Captain ~
               NA
                      NA none
                                    none
# i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films t>,
   vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

To remove missing observations, simply use negation: filter(!is.na(height)). Try this yourself.

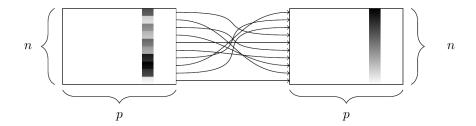
```
clean_starwars<-starwars |>
  filter(!is.na(height))
clean_starwars
```

A tibble: 81 x 14

	name	height	${\tt mass}$	hair_color	skin_color	eye_color	birth_year	sex	gender
	<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Luke Sk~	172	77	blond	fair	blue	19	male	mascu~
2	C-3P0	167	75	<na></na>	gold	yellow	112	none	mascu~
3	R2-D2	96	32	<na></na>	white, bl~	red	33	none	mascu~
4	Darth V~	202	136	none	white	yellow	41.9	male	mascu~
5	Leia Or~	150	49	brown	light	brown	19	fema~	femin~
6	Owen La~	178	120	brown, gr~	light	blue	52	male	mascu~
7	Beru Wh~	165	75	brown	light	blue	47	fema~	femin~
8	R5-D4	97	32	<na></na>	white, red	red	NA	none	mascu~
9	Biggs D~	183	84	black	light	brown	24	${\tt male}$	mascu~
10	Obi-Wan~	182	77	auburn, w~	fair	blue-gray	57	male	mascu~

- # i 71 more rows
- # i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films <list>,
- # vehicles <list>, starships <list>

Exercise 2: dplyr::arrange



arrange sorts your data frame by a particular column (numerically, or alphabetically)

```
starwars |>
arrange(birth_year)
```

A tibble: 87 x 14

	name	height	mass	hair_color	skin_color	eye_color	birth_year	sex	gender
	<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1	Wicket ~	88	20	brown	brown	brown	8	${\tt male}$	mascu~
2	IG-88	200	140	none	metal	red	15	none	mascu~
3	Luke Sk~	172	77	blond	fair	blue	19	${\tt male}$	mascu~
4	Leia Or~	150	49	brown	light	brown	19	fema~	femin~
5	Wedge A~	170	77	brown	fair	hazel	21	${\tt male}$	mascu~
6	Plo Koon	188	80	none	orange	black	22	male	mascu~
7	Biggs D~	183	84	black	light	brown	24	male	mascu~

```
8 Han Solo
               180
                    80
                          brown
                                     fair
                                                 brown
                                                                 29
                                                                       male
                                                                             mascu~
9 Lando C~
               177
                    79
                          black
                                     dark
                                                 brown
                                                                 31
                                                                       male
                                                                             mascu~
10 Boba Fe~
               183
                    78.2 black
                                                                 31.5 male
                                     fair
                                                 brown
                                                                             mascu~
# i 77 more rows
# i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films t>,
    vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

We can also arrange items in descending order using arrange(desc()).

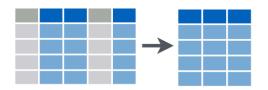
```
starwars |>
 arrange(desc(birth_year))
```

```
# A tibble: 87 x 14
   name
            height mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex
                                                                              gender
   <chr>
             <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                      <chr>
                                                  <chr>
                                                                 <dbl> <chr> <chr>
 1 Yoda
                66
                       17 white
                                                                   896 male
                                      green
                                                  brown
                                                                              mascu~
2 Jabba D~
               175
                     1358 <NA>
                                      green-tan~ orange
                                                                    600 herm~
                                                                              mascu~
3 Chewbac~
               228
                      112 brown
                                      unknown
                                                 blue
                                                                    200 male
                                                                              mascu~
4 C-3PO
                167
                       75 <NA>
                                      gold
                                                 yellow
                                                                    112 none
                                                                              mascu~
5 Dooku
               193
                       80 white
                                      fair
                                                 brown
                                                                    102 male
                                                                              mascu~
6 Qui-Gon~
                       89 brown
                                      fair
                                                 blue
                                                                     92 male
               193
                                                                              mascu~
7 Ki-Adi-~
               198
                       82 white
                                      pale
                                                 yellow
                                                                     92 male
                                                                              mascu~
8 Finis V~
               170
                       NA blond
                                      fair
                                                 blue
                                                                     91 male
                                                                              mascu~
9 Palpati~
               170
                       75 grey
                                      pale
                                                  yellow
                                                                     82 male
                                                                              mascu~
10 Cliegg ~
               183
                       NA brown
                                      fair
                                                 blue
                                                                     82 male mascu~
# i 77 more rows
```

- # i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films t>,
- vehicles <list>, starships <list>

Exercise 3: dplyr::select

Subset Variables (Columns)



Use commas to select multiple columns out of a data frame. (You can also use "first:last" for consecutive columns). Deselect a column with "-".

```
starwars |>
select(name:skin_color, species, -height)
```

```
# A tibble: 87 x 5
                       mass hair_color
  name
                                           skin_color species
                      <dbl> <chr>
                                                        <chr>
   <chr>
                                           <chr>
1 Luke Skywalker
                         77 blond
                                           fair
                                                        Human
2 C-3PO
                         75 <NA>
                                           gold
                                                        Droid
3 R2-D2
                         32 <NA>
                                           white, blue Droid
4 Darth Vader
                        136 none
                                           white
                                                        Human
5 Leia Organa
                         49 brown
                                           light
                                                        Human
6 Owen Lars
                        120 brown, grey
                                           light
                                                        Human
7 Beru Whitesun Lars
                         75 brown
                                           light
                                                        Human
8 R5-D4
                         32 <NA>
                                           white, red
                                                        Droid
9 Biggs Darklighter
                         84 black
                                           light
                                                        Human
10 Obi-Wan Kenobi
                         77 auburn, white fair
                                                        Human
# i 77 more rows
```

You can also rename some (or all) of your selected variables in place.

```
starwars |>
select(alias=name, planet=homeworld)
```

```
# A tibble: 87 x 2
   alias
                      planet
   <chr>
                      <chr>>
1 Luke Skywalker
                      Tatooine
2 C-3PO
                      Tatooine
3 R2-D2
                      Naboo
4 Darth Vader
                      Tatooine
5 Leia Organa
                      Alderaan
6 Owen Lars
                      Tatooine
7 Beru Whitesun Lars Tatooine
8 R5-D4
                      Tatooine
                      Tatooine
9 Biggs Darklighter
10 Obi-Wan Kenobi
                      Stewjon
# i 77 more rows
```

If you just want to rename columns without subsetting them, you can use rename. Try this!

```
starwars_rename<-starwars |>
  rename(warsstar=name)
names(starwars_rename)
```

```
[1] "warsstar" "height" "mass" "hair_color" "skin_color" [6] "eye_color" "birth_year" "sex" "gender" "homeworld" [11] "species" "films" "vehicles" "starships"
```

The select(contains(PATTERN)) option provides a nice shortcut in relevant cases.

```
starwars |>
select(name, contains("color"))
```

```
# A tibble: 87 x 4
                      hair_color
                                     skin_color
                                                 eye_color
  name
  <chr>>
                      <chr>
                                     <chr>
                                                 <chr>
 1 Luke Skywalker
                      blond
                                     fair
                                                 blue
2 C-3PO
                      <NA>
                                     gold
                                                 yellow
3 R2-D2
                                     white, blue red
                      <NA>
4 Darth Vader
                      none
                                     white
                                                 yellow
5 Leia Organa
                                     light
                                                 brown
                      brown
6 Owen Lars
                                                 blue
                                     light
                      brown, grey
7 Beru Whitesun Lars brown
                                     light
                                                 blue
8 R5-D4
                      <NA>
                                     white, red
                                                 red
9 Biggs Darklighter
                      black
                                     light
                                                 brown
10 Obi-Wan Kenobi
                      auburn, white fair
                                                 blue-gray
# i 77 more rows
```

Some other selection helpers: starts_with(), ends_with(), all_of(c("name1", "name2")), matches().

Exercise 4: dplyr::mutate

Make New Variables



You can create new columns from scratch, or (more commonly) as transformations of existing columns.

```
starwars |>
select(name, birth_year) |>
mutate(dog_years = birth_year * 7) |>
mutate(comment = paste0(name, " is ", dog_years, " in dog years."))
```

A tibble: 87 x 4 name birth_year dog_years comment <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> 1 Luke Skywalker 19 133 Luke Skywalker is 133 in dog years. 2 C-3PO 112 784 C-3PO is 784 in dog years. 3 R2-D2 33 231 R2-D2 is 231 in dog years. 4 Darth Vader 41.9 293. Darth Vader is 293.3 in dog years. 5 Leia Organa 19 133 Leia Organa is 133 in dog years. 6 Owen Lars 364 Owen Lars is 364 in dog years. 52 7 Beru Whitesun Lars 47 329 Beru Whitesun Lars is 329 in dog yea~ 8 R5-D4 NA R5-D4 is NA in dog years. NA9 Biggs Darklighter 24 168 Biggs Darklighter is 168 in dog year~ 10 Obi-Wan Kenobi 399 Obi-Wan Kenobi is 399 in dog years. 57 # i 77 more rows

Note: mutate is order aware. So you can chain multiple mutates in a single call.

```
starwars |>
select(name, birth_year) |>
mutate(
   dog_years = birth_year * 7,  # Separate with a comma
   comment = paste0(name, " is ", dog_years, " in dog years.")
)
```

A tibble: 87 x 4 name birth_year dog_years comment <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> 19 133 Luke Skywalker is 133 in dog years. 1 Luke Skywalker 2 C-3PO 784 C-3PO is 784 in dog years. 112 3 R2-D2 231 R2-D2 is 231 in dog years. 33 4 Darth Vader 41.9 293. Darth Vader is 293.3 in dog years. 5 Leia Organa 19 133 Leia Organa is 133 in dog years. 6 Owen Lars 364 Owen Lars is 364 in dog years. 52 7 Beru Whitesun Lars 329 Beru Whitesun Lars is 329 in dog yea~ 47 8 R5-D4 NA R5-D4 is NA in dog years. NA9 Biggs Darklighter 24 168 Biggs Darklighter is 168 in dog year~ 10 Obi-Wan Kenobi 399 Obi-Wan Kenobi is 399 in dog years. 57 # i 77 more rows

Boolean, logical and conditional operators all work well with mutate too.

```
starwars |>
select(name, height) |>
filter(name %in% c("Luke Skywalker", "Anakin Skywalker")) |>
mutate(tall1 = height > 180) |>
mutate(tall2 = if_else(height > 180, "Tall", "Short"))
```

Lastly, combining mutate with across allows you to easily perform the same operation on a subset of variables.

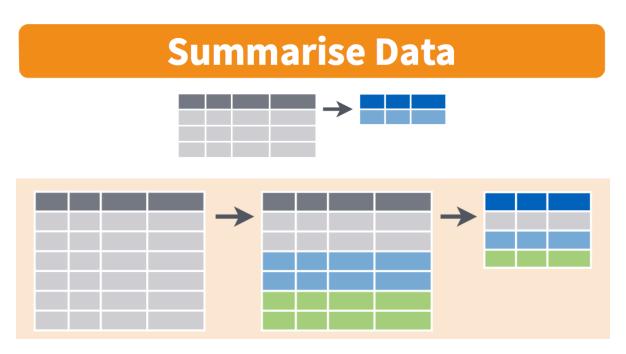
```
starwars |>
select(name:eye_color) |>
mutate(across(where(is.character), toupper))
```

A tibble: 87 x 6

name	height	mass	hair_color	skin_color	eye_color
<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>
1 LUKE SKYWALKER	172	77	BLOND	FAIR	BLUE
2 C-3PO	167	75	<na></na>	GOLD	YELLOW

3 R2-D2	96	32	<na></na>	WHITE, BLUE	RED
4 DARTH VADER	202	136	NONE	WHITE	YELLOW
5 LEIA ORGANA	150	49	BROWN	LIGHT	BROWN
6 OWEN LARS	178	120	BROWN, GREY	LIGHT	BLUE
7 BERU WHITESUN LARS	165	75	BROWN	LIGHT	BLUE
8 R5-D4	97	32	<na></na>	WHITE, RED	RED
9 BIGGS DARKLIGHTER	183	84	BLACK	LIGHT	BROWN
10 OBI-WAN KENOBI	182	77	AUBURN, WHITE	FAIR	BLUE-GRAY
# i 77 more rows					

Exercise 5: dplyr::summarize



Particularly useful in combination with the group_by command.

```
starwars |>
  group_by(species) |>
  summarize(mean_height = mean(height))
```

```
2 Besalisk
                    198
3 Cerean
                    198
4 Chagrian
                    196
5 Clawdite
                    168
6 Droid
                     NA
7 Dug
                    112
8 Ewok
                     88
9 Geonosian
                    183
10 Gungan
                    209.
# i 28 more rows
```

Notice that some of these summarized values are missing. If we want to ignore missing values, use na.rm = T:

```
## Much better
starwars |>
group_by(species) |>
summarize(mean_height = mean(height, na.rm = T))
```

```
# A tibble: 38 x 2
   species
            mean_height
   <chr>
                   <dbl>
1 Aleena
                     79
2 Besalisk
                    198
3 Cerean
                    198
4 Chagrian
                    196
5 Clawdite
                    168
6 Droid
                    131.
7 Dug
                    112
8 Ewok
                     88
9 Geonosian
                    183
10 Gungan
                    209.
# i 28 more rows
```

The same across-based workflow that we saw with mutate a few slides back also works with summarize.

```
starwars |>
group_by(species) |>
summarize(across(where(is.numeric), mean))
```

```
# A tibble: 38 x 4
   species
             height
                     mass birth_year
   <chr>
               <dbl> <dbl>
                                 <dbl>
 1 Aleena
                 79
                        15
                                    NA
2 Besalisk
                       102
                                    NA
                198
3 Cerean
                198
                        82
                                    92
4 Chagrian
                196
                        NA
                                    NA
5 Clawdite
                168
                        55
                                    NA
6 Droid
                        NA
                                    NA
                NA
7 Dug
                112
                        40
                                    NA
8 Ewok
                        20
                                     8
                 88
9 Geonosian
                        80
                183
                                    NA
10 Gungan
                209.
                                    NA
                        NA
# i 28 more rows
```

The same across-based workflow that we saw with mutate a few slides back also works with summarize. Though to add arguments, we have to use an anonymous function:

```
starwars |>
group_by(species) |>
summarize(across(where(is.numeric), ~ mean(.x, na.rm=T)))
```

```
# A tibble: 38 x 4
   species
             height mass birth_year
   <chr>
              <dbl> <dbl>
                                 <dbl>
                79
1 Aleena
                      15
                                NaN
2 Besalisk
                198
                     102
                                 NaN
3 Cerean
                      82
                                 92
                198
4 Chagrian
               196
                     NaN
                                 NaN
5 Clawdite
               168
                      55
                                NaN
6 Droid
               131.
                      69.8
                                 53.3
7 Dug
                112
                      40
                                NaN
8 Ewok
                88
                      20
                                   8
9 Geonosian
                183
                      80
                                 NaN
10 Gungan
                209.
                      74
                                 52
# i 28 more rows
```

Other dplyr goodies

ungroup: For ungrouping after using group_by. - Use after doing your grouped summarize or mutate operation, or everything else you do will be super slow.

slice: Subset rows by position rather than filtering by values. - E.g. starwars |>
slice(1:10)

pull: Extract a column from as a data frame as a vector or scalar. - E.g. starwars |>
filter(sex=="female") |> pull(height)

distinct and count: List unique values, with or without their number of appearances. - E.g. starwars |> distinct(species), or starwars |> count(species) - count is equivalent to group_by and summarize with n():

```
starwars |> group_by(species) |> summarize(n = n())
```

```
# A tibble: 38 x 2
   species
   <chr>
             <int>
1 Aleena
                 1
2 Besalisk
                 1
3 Cerean
4 Chagrian
5 Clawdite
6 Droid
7 Dug
8 Ewok
                 1
9 Geonosian
                 1
10 Gungan
                 3
# i 28 more rows
```

Challenge 1

List the most common eye colors among female Star Wars characters in descending order of frequency.

As usual, there are multiple solutions.

```
starwars |>
  filter(sex == "female") |>
  count(eye_color) |>
  arrange(desc(n))
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 2
eye_color n
<chr> 1 blue 6
brown 4
black 2
hazel 2
unknown 1
eyellow 1
```

```
starwars |>
  filter(sex == "female") |>
  group_by(eye_color) |>
  summarize(n = n()) |>
  arrange(desc(n))
```

Explain what each line in the codes do:

Answer:

They both start by filtering out by sex for females only. The first one counts the number of each eye color there is and then sorts the amounts of each eye color in descending order. The second one groups each of the eye colors together and then counts how many are together to get a count of each eye color, which is then sorted in descending order. Having a bit of computer science background, one is going to use more memory than the other.

Storing results in memory

So far we haven't been saving the dataframes that result from our code in memory. Usually, we will want to use them for the next task. Create a new object each time you write a pipeline.

```
women = starwars |> filter(sex == "female")
brown_eyed_women = women |> filter(eye_color == "brown")
```

Resist the temptation to use the same object name. This is called **clobbering** since it overwrites the previous version. It ruins your ability to easily go back to previous steps.

```
# DON'T do this
starwars = starwars |> filter(sex == "female")
```

By keeping multiple copies of very similar dataframes, will you waste your computer's memory? Usually, no – R is smart and stores only the changes between objects.

Key tidyr verbs

- 1. pivot_longer: Pivot wide data into long format.
- 2. pivot_wider: Pivot long data into wide format.
- 3. separate: Separate (i.e. split) one column into multiple columns.
- 4. unite: Unite (i.e. combine) multiple columns into one.

Which of pivot_longer vs pivot_wider produces "tidy" data?

Exercise 6: tidyr::pivot_longer

```
stocks = data.frame( ## Could use "tibble" instead of "data.frame" if you prefer
   time = as.Date('2009-01-01') + 0:1,
   X = rnorm(2, 10, 1),
   Y = rnorm(2, 10, 2),
   Z = rnorm(2, 10, 5)
   )
stocks
```

```
time X Y Z
1 2009-01-01 10.18935 9.902039 3.854542
2 2009-01-02 10.37456 7.559244 20.669926
```

```
tidy_stocks = stocks |>
  pivot_longer(cols=X:Z, names_to="stock", values_to="price")
tidy_stocks
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 3
            stock price
  time
  <date>
             <chr> <dbl>
1 2009-01-01 X
                   10.2
2 2009-01-01 Y
                    9.90
3 2009-01-01 Z
                    3.85
4 2009-01-02 X
                   10.4
5 2009-01-02 Y
                    7.56
6 2009-01-02 Z
                   20.7
```

Exercise 7: tidyr::pivot_wider

Now we can use pivot_wider to go back to the original dataframe:

```
tidy_stocks |> pivot_wider(names_from=stock, values_from=price)
```

Or, we can put it into a new ("transposed") format, in which the observations are stocks and the columns are dates:

```
tidy_stocks |> pivot_wider(names_from=time, values_from=price)
```

Exercise 8: tidyr::separate

separate helps when you have more than one value in a single column:

```
economists = data.frame(name = c("Adam_Smith", "Paul_Samuelson", "Milton_Friedman"))
economists
             name
       Adam_Smith
1
2 Paul_Samuelson
3 Milton_Friedman
economists |> separate(name, c("first_name", "last_name"))
 first_name last_name
        Adam
                 Smith
1
2
        Paul Samuelson
3
      Milton Friedman
```

This command is pretty smart. But to avoid ambiguity, you can also specify the separation character with the sep argument:

```
economists |> separate(name, c("first_name", "last_name"), sep = "_")

first_name last_name
1    Adam    Smith
2    Paul Samuelson
3    Milton Friedman
```

Exercise 9: tidyr::separate

Related is separate_rows, for splitting cells with multiple values into multiple rows:

```
jobs = data.frame(
  name = c("Joe", "Jill"),
  occupation = c("President", "First Lady, Professor, Grandmother")
  )
jobs
```

```
name
                                occupation
1 Joe
                                 President
2 Jill First Lady, Professor, Grandmother
# Now split out Jill's various occupations into different rows
jobs |> separate_rows(occupation)
# A tibble: 5 x 2
  name occupation
  <chr> <chr>
1 Joe
        President
2 Jill First
3 Jill Lady
4 Jill Professor
5 Jill Grandmother
Related is separate_rows, for splitting cells with multiple values into multiple rows:
jobs = data.frame(
 name = c("Joe", "Jill"),
  occupation = c("President", "First Lady, Professor, Grandmother")
  )
jobs
  name
                                occupation
1 Joe
                                 President
2 Jill First Lady, Professor, Grandmother
# Now split out Jill's various occupations into different rows
jobs |> separate_rows(occupation, sep = ", ")
# A tibble: 4 x 2
  name occupation
  <chr> <chr>
1 Joe President
2 Jill First Lady
3 Jill Professor
4 Jill Grandmother
```

Exercise 10: tidyr::unite

```
gdp = data.frame(
 yr = rep(2016, times = 4),
 mnth = rep(1, times = 4),
 dy = 1:4,
  gdp = rnorm(4, mean = 100, sd = 2)
gdp
```

```
yr mnth dy
                    gdp
1 2016
         1 1 100.86212
2 2016
         1 2 101.67836
         1 3 97.97985
3 2016
4 2016
         1 4 100.39349
```

date

```
## Combine "yr", "mnth", and "dy" into one "date" column
gdp |> unite(date, c("yr", "mnth", "dy"), sep = "-")
```

```
gdp
1 2016-1-1 100.86212
2 2016-1-2 101.67836
3 2016-1-3 97.97985
4 2016-1-4 100.39349
gdp_u <- gdp |> unite(date, c("yr", "mnth", "dy"), sep = "-")
```

Note that unite will automatically create a character variable.

If you want to convert it to something else (e.g. date or numeric) then you will need to modify it using mutate. This example uses the lubridate package's super helpful date conversion functions.

```
library(lubridate)
gdp_u |> mutate(date = ymd(date))
```

```
date
                   gdp
1 2016-01-01 100.86212
2 2016-01-02 101.67836
3 2016-01-03 97.97985
4 2016-01-04 100.39349
```

Challenge 2

Using nycflights13, create a table of average arrival delay (in minutes) by day (in rows) and carrier (in columns).

Hint: Recall that you can tabulate summary statistics using group_by and summarize:

```
flights |>
  group_by(carrier) |>
  summarize(avg_late = mean(arr_delay, na.rm=T))
# A tibble: 16 x 2
   carrier avg_late
   <chr>
              <dbl>
 1 9E
              7.38
 2 AA
              0.364
 3 AS
             -9.93
 4 B6
              9.46
 5 DL
              1.64
 6 EV
             15.8
 7 F9
             21.9
 8 FL
             20.1
             -6.92
 9 HA
10 MQ
             10.8
11 00
             11.9
12 UA
              3.56
13 US
              2.13
14 VX
              1.76
15 WN
              9.65
16 YV
             15.6
```

Solution:

```
delay_long = flights |>
   group_by(carrier, day) |>
   summarize(avg_late = mean(arr_delay, na.rm=T))
delay_wide = delay_long |>
   pivot_wider(names_from=carrier, values_from=avg_late)
head(delay_wide, 4)
```

A tibble: 4 x 17

```
`9E`
                           AS
                                           DL
                                                  ΕV
                                                               FL
                                                                                   00
    day
                   AA
                                   B6
                                                        F9
                                                                     HΑ
                                                                            MQ
  <int> <dbl>
                <dbl>
                        <dbl>
                                <dbl>
                                        <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                                                                               <dbl>
         7.21 - 1.23
                        -5.96 11.9
                                        0.866 21.3
                                                     21.7
                                                           22.7
                                                                  -15.4 12.9
1
                                                                                NΑ
2
         7.35 -0.905 -13.7
                               9.90
                                                      7.71 20.9
                                                                  -16.1
                                        3.05
                                              18.0
                                                                         9.04 NaN
3
         5.80 - 3.09
                      -20.8
                                       -0.204 15.3
                                                           19.6
                                                                  -16.8 13.7
      3
                               5.26
                                                     18.0
                                                                                 0.5
      4 -2.11 -5.80
                      -22.3
                              -0.0939 -6.24
                                               3.87 14.5
                                                             4.38 -15.2
# i 5 more variables: UA <dbl>, US <dbl>, VX <dbl>, WN <dbl>, YV <dbl>
```

Explain what each line in the codes do:

Answer:

The first line takes the flights data from nycflights 13 and passes it to the next step. The second line groups the rows by airline carrier code and calendar day of the month. The third line calculates the mean of arrival delay for each group and ignores missing values, which you get a tibble with the columns carrier, day, and the average late arrival time. The fourth line takes this grouped table and starts a new pipeline with the reshaped table value set to delay wide. The fifth line reshapes from long to wide and each unique carrier gets its own column with cell values from the average late arrival times. The sixth line shows the first four rows of the wide table and lets you quickly inspect the reshaped result.

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