

# Data Wrangling with R's tidyverse

## dplyr, tidyr and friends

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Current draft aims to introduce researchers to data manipulation in R with the dplyr, tidyr, and stringr packages of the tidyverse ecosystem.

Our target audience is primarily the research community at VUB / UZ Brussel, those who have some basic experience in R and want to know more.

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## key message on data manipulation

data manipulation is inherent to data analysis, not just a precursor

- no -fit's all data representation-, dependent on analysis or visualization (note: raw data should be unaltered)
- flexible use of data manipulation elicits better data exploration and modeling

data manipulation is best done with coding (as opposed to manual changes), provides the best guarantee to

- efficiently and correctly process data and statistics
- maintain structure and transparency, to support reproducibility

data manipulation is easier and more intuitive when maintaining tidy data

- tidy data: meaning appropriately mapped into structure
  - each row an observation as research unit,
  - each column a variable as property,
  - each cell a particular value, linking row to column
  - note: data can be split into multiple tables (relational data).
- aim for tidy data registration (avoid tedious manipulations)

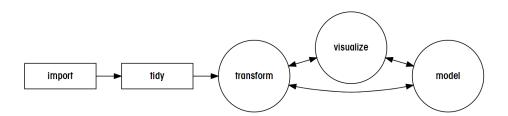


Figure 1: workflow: tidyverse lingo



## R's tidyverse packages

focus in current draft is on R

- free, hugely flexible, large community online to help out
- offers general functionality (base R module)
- offers many packages with dedicated functionality

in particular on the tidyverse package (Hadley Wickham et l.), an ecosystem that includes

- dplyr for manipulating data frames [main focus]
- tidyr for tidying data [check Data Representation]
- stringr for dealing with texts
- readr for reading in data [highlighted]
- tibble for data representation [highlighted]
- forcats for dealing with factors
- ggplot for visualizing data [separate draft]
- purrr for functional programming (advanced)
- ...

find convenient cheat sheets at https://rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/

tidyverse is a very good extension of base R, because it

- is much more consistent (functions and packages)  $\rightarrow$  eco-system
- avoids poor historical choices, sets good defaults
- explicitly links to tidy data

## set up tidyverse packages

Install (at least once) and load (once per R session) the tidyverse package.

```
install.packages('tidyverse')
```

The individual packages that are loaded are listed, as are their conflicts.

```
library(tidyverse)
```

Conflicts can arise when loading packages with the same function names. Resolve conflicts for example with explicitly referencing the package with ::, eg., stat::filter().

Conflicts can be checked for tidyverse.



The tidyverse ecosystem includes

broom, cli, crayon, dbplyr, dplyr, forcats, ggplot2, haven, hms, httr, jsonlite, lubridate, magrittr, modelr, pillar, purrr, readr, readxl, reprex, rlang, rstudioapi, rvest, stringr, tibble, tidyr, xml2, tidyverse.

```
tidyverse_packages()
```

Most of these packages should be loaded explicitly (not included in library(tidyverse)).

## tibbles and pipes

data type: tibble package

- R data type for analysis is a data.frame, a list of equally sized vectors.
  - numeric vector (either double, integer, or complex)
  - factor (ordered, not ordered)
  - boolean vector
  - character
- a tibble is a data.frame, enhanced for convenience and consistency.
  - creating a tibble with the tribble() function (class() shows both data.frame and tbl\_df)

class(mytibble)

creating a data.frame, it looks (not shown) slightly different.

```
mydf <- data.frame(colA=c('a','b','c'),colB=1:3)
class(mydf)</pre>
```

| [1] "data.frame"

process: magrittr package for pipes

- R processes data with functions, eg., mean(mytibble\$colB)
  - reads inside-out, standard in base R and optional in tidyverse
- R data can be processed using pipes too, eg., mytibble %% summarize(mean(colB))
  - reads left to right, standard in tidyverse
  - especially of interest with multiple steps, serves readability



example: calculate the square rooted sum of squared differences between two variables.

```
x1 <- rnorm(10); x2 <- rnorm(10)
sqrt(sum((x1-x2)^2))
| [1] 2.676459
(x1-x2)^2 %>% sum() %>% sqrt()
| [1] 2.676459
```

## example, getting ahead of ourselves

exemplary data (part of base R): mtcars.

load data available in R packages with the data() function, observe it's structure with the str() function and observe the first 6 observations with the head() function.

```
data(mtcars)
str(mtcars)
| 'data.frame': 32 obs. of 11 variables:
$ mpg: num 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
  $ cyl : num 6646868446 ...
  $ disp: num 160 160 108 258 360 ...
| $ hp : num 110 110 93 110 175 105 245 62 95 123 ...
$ drat: num 3.9 3.9 3.85 3.08 3.15 2.76 3.21 3.69 3.92 3.92 ...
  $ wt : num 2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
  $ qsec: num 16.5 17 18.6 19.4 17 ...
| $ vs : num 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 ...
| $ am : num
              1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
  $ gear: num
              4 4 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 ...
| $ carb: num 4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 ...
head(mtcars)
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                            wt qsec vs am gear carb
| Mazda RX4
                         6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0
                   21.0
| Mazda RX4 Wag
                   21.0
                         6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
| Datsun 710
                   22.8
                         4
                            108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                     1 1
                                                                  1
| Hornet 4 Drive
                   21.4
                          6
                            258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                     1 0
                                                              3
                                                                  1
| Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                         8
                            360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
                                                              3
                                                                  2
                          6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
| Valiant
                   18.1
```

note: calling data() without arguments shows all the available data currently in reach.

a tidyverse look at the data, an alternative to str() is glimpse().

```
glimpse(mtcars)
```



an example!

take the mtcars data,

select specific variables (mpg,cyl,hp,am) and rename one (hp turns to hpow), select specific rows (mpg bigger than 15),

create a new variable based on existing variables (mpgr is the ratio mpg on hpow),

summarize that new variable per group formed by combining two variables (minimum of mpgr per cyl/am group), and reshape the result into a table with one row per cyl-value (4,6,8) and a column for each am value (0,1), with column variable names renamed to am0 and am1.

```
mtcars %>%
    select(mpg, cyl, hpow=hp, am) %>%
    filter(mpg > 15) %>%
    mutate(mpgr = mpg/hpow) %>%
    group_by(cyl, am) %>%
    summarize(min=min(mpgr)) %>%
    pivot_wider(names_from=am, values_from=min) %>%
    select(cyl,am0=`0`,am1=`1`)
| # A tibble: 3 x 3
| # Groups:
              cyl [3]
      cyl
             am0
    <dbl>
           <dbl> <dbl>
| 1
        4 0.222 0.196
1 2
        6 0.145 0.113
| 3
        8 0.0844 0.0598
```

## dplyr to manipulate data

dplyr (package within tidyverse) is focused on

- manipulating dataframes (tibbles): subsetting, altering, summarizing, ordering, combining, reshaping
- to explore and transform (for visualization / modeling)
- applying functions to dataframes (tibbles)

main -verbs- (see example above)

- filter(): conditional selection of cases
- select(): conditional selection of variables, allows reordering and renaming
- mutate(): creation of new variables based on existing variables



• summarise(): reduce sets of values to single values

verb to structure data (see example above)

- group\_by(): internal grouping, undo with ungroup()
- works preceding main verbs

verbs enhanced with control on scope (advanced)

- across(): new way of scoping (instead of \*\_it, \*\_at, \*\_all)
- works for selection in mutate( ) and summarize( )

additional dplyr verbs:

- arrange(): ordering of cases
- sample\_n() and sample\_frac(): random sampling
- slice(), transmute(), rename(), relocate(), ...

verbs to extend data

- bind\_rows( ) and bind\_cols( ) : append data of same structure
- left , right , inner , full , semi and anti join(): join data using indicator variable(s)

#### final comment:

only the core of dplyr is discussed, much more is possible and you will find on the Net.

#### grouping

grouping prepares data for group specific operations.

a glimpse of the data shows variables and..

- number of observations and variables
- number of groups and grouping variables

```
tst <- mtcars %>% group_by(am,vs)
glimpse(tst)
```

<dbl> 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0



| # Groups: am [2] | am vs `n()` | <dbl> <dbl> <int> | 1 0 0 12 | 2 0 1 7 | 3 1 0 6 | 4 1 1 7

actions on grouped data are grouped too, eg., count the number of observations (n()).

remove grouping with ungroup(), good practice to avoid side effects.

```
tst <- tst %>% ungroup()
tst %>% summarize(n())

| # A tibble: 1 x 1
| `n()`
| <int>
| 1 32
```

help file shows ways for consecutive grouping with .add and .drop arguments.

transformed variable can be used for grouping, for example cutting the mpg in 3 groups.

#### filter

Return rows using matching conditions.

example: the mpg could be set with a minimum of 30.

```
mtcars %>% filter(mpg > 30)

| mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
| Fiat 128 32.4 4 78.7 66 4.08 2.200 19.47 1 1 4 1
```



| # Groups:

Т

1 1

cyl gear

<dbl> <dbl> 6 4

gear [3]

```
| Honda Civic
                                   30.4
                                                 4 75.7 52 4.93 1.615 18.52
                                                                                                                                        2
| Toyota Corolla 33.9
                                                 4 71.1 65 4.22 1.835 19.90
                                                                                                                                        1
| Lotus Europa
                                   30.4
                                                 4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90
                                                                                                                             5
More than one condition can be considered jointly.
example: extract rows with mpg above 20 AND qsec below or equal to 18.
mtcars %>% filter(mpg > 20, qsec <= 18)
                                  mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                                                                        wt qsec vs am gear carb
| Mazda RX4
                                               6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0
| Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0
                                               6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
                                                                                                                                        4
                                                                                                                                        2
| Porsche 914-2 26.0
                                               4 120.3 91 4.43 2.140 16.70
                                                                                                             0 1
                                                                                                                              5
                                               4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90
                                                                                                                              5
                                                                                                                                        2
| Lotus Europa 30.4
example: extract rows with mpg above 30 OR qsec below 20 AND am equal to 0.
mtcars %>% filter(mpg > 30 | qsec > 20, am==0)
                                   mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                                                                        wt qsec vs am gear carb
| Valiant
                                 18.1
                                               6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
| Merc 230
                                 22.8
                                               4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150 22.90 1 0
                                                                                                                                        2
| Toyota Corona 21.5
                                               4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01 1 0
                                                                                                                              3
                                                                                                                                        1
Technically it is possible to use it on grouped data.
example: calculate group average per level of vs for disp and extract only rows with values above the 90th
percentile.
mtcars %>% group_by(vs) %>% filter(disp >= quantile(disp,.9))
| # A tibble: 4 x 11
| # Groups: vs [2]
                       cyl disp
                                                   hp drat
                                                                            wt qsec
                                                                                                     ٧s
                                                                                                                 am gear carb
        1 21.4
                            6
                                    258
                                                110 3.08 3.22 19.4
                                                                                                       1
                                                                                                                   0
                                                                                                                               3
| 2 18.1
                            6
                                     225
                                                 105
                                                           2.76
                                                                       3.46 20.2
                                                                                                       1
                                                                                                                   0
                                                                                                                               3
                                                                                                                                            1
3 10.4
                                     472
                                                 205
                                                           2.93 5.25 18.0
                                                                                                       0
                                                                                                                   0
                                                                                                                                3
                            8
                                                                                                                                            4
                                                                        5.42 17.8
| 4 10.4
                            8
                                    460
                                                 215 3
example: get the first 2 rows per group of vs.
mtcars %>% group_by(vs) %>% top_n(2)
| # A tibble: 4 x 11
| # Groups:
                            vs [2]
                        cyl disp
                                                   hp drat
                                                                            wt qsec
                                                                                                     ٧s
                                                                                                                 am
                                                                                                                         gear
            mpg
        <dbl> 
| 1 19.2
                            6 168.
                                                 123
                                                           3.92
                                                                        3.44
                                                                                    18.3
                                                                                                                   0
                                                                                                                                4
                                                                                                       1
                                                                                                                                4
                                                                                                                                            4
| 2 17.8
                            6 168.
                                                 123
                                                           3.92
                                                                       3.44
                                                                                    18.9
                                                                                                       1
                                                                                                                    0
3 19.7
                            6 145
                                                 175
                                                           3.62
                                                                       2.77
                                                                                    15.5
                                                                                                       0
                                                                                                                                5
                                                                                                                                            6
                            8 301
                                                                                                                                            8
| 4 15
                                                 335 3.54
                                                                      3.57 14.6
                                                                                                       0
                                                                                                                                5
mtcars %>% group_by(gear) %>% distinct(cyl)
| # A tibble: 8 x 2
```



	2	4	4
	3	6	3
	4	8	3
	5	4	3
	6	4	5
	7	8	5
ı	8	6	5

#### exercises on filter

- the starwars dataset is part of tidyverse, load it in !
- have a glimpse at the data, what do you see?
- filter the data to retain only characters with light skin and brown eye color.
- arrange the data according the the character's height, largest on top!
- who is smallest?
- slice the data and keep only the 5th to 10th observation!
- slice the top 2 observations (check help on slice\_head( )), for each gender (group your data)!
- what other functions are discussed at ?slice\_head ?
- use slice\_sample() to randomly select 5 observations!
- use slice\_max() to select 3 observations with highest values on height!
- repeat the above, but ignored characters with missing data for mass and get the top 3 for each species

#### select

Extract columns (variables) by name, rename and/or reorder them.

example: the mpg could be selected.

## mtcars %>% select(mpg)

	mpg
Mazda RX4	21.0
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0
Datsun 710	22.8
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4
Hornet Sportabout	18.7
Valiant	18.1
Duster 360	14.3
Merc 240D	24.4
Merc 230	22.8
Merc 280	19.2
Merc 280C	17.8
Merc 450SE	16.4
Merc 450SL	17.3
Merc 450SLC	15.2
Cadillac Fleetwood	10.4
Lincoln Continental	10.4
Chrysler Imperial	14.7
Fiat 128	32.4



```
| Honda Civic
                      30.4
| Toyota Corolla
                      33.9
| Toyota Corona
                      21.5
| Dodge Challenger
                      15.5
| AMC Javelin
                      15.2
| Camaro Z28
                      13.3
| Pontiac Firebird
                      19.2
| Fiat X1-9
                      27.3
| Porsche 914-2
                      26.0
| Lotus Europa
                      30.4
| Ford Pantera L
                      15.8
| Ferrari Dino
                      19.7
| Maserati Bora
                      15.0
| Volvo 142E
                      21.4
```

## # mtcars\$mpg

Notice that even with one column, the result remains a dataframe (not a vector)

The dplyr way to get the base R result is by using pull(). example: pull out the mpg.

```
mtcars %>% pull(mpg)
```

```
| [1] 21.0 21.0 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 17.8 16.4 17.3 15.2 10.4 10.4 14.7 32.4 30.4 3
| [31] 15.0 21.4
```

More than one column can be considered jointly, their order is specified as such.

example: extract columns qsec and mpg (top 6 observations).

```
mtcars %>% select(qsec,mpg) %>% head( )
```

Columns can be extracted by their position. example: extract third and first column.

## mtcars %>% select(3,1)

```
disp mpg
| Mazda RX4
                     160.0 21.0
| Mazda RX4 Wag
                     160.0 21.0
| Datsun 710
                     108.0 22.8
                   258.0 21.4
| Hornet 4 Drive
| Hornet Sportabout 360.0 18.7
| Valiant
                     225.0 18.1
Duster 360
                     360.0 14.3
| Merc 240D
                   146.7 24.4
| Merc 230
                   140.8 22.8
| Merc 280
                    167.6 19.2
| Merc 280C
                    167.6 17.8
| Merc 450SE
                     275.8 16.4
```



1	Merc 450SL	275.8	17.3
	Merc 450SLC	275.8	15.2
	Cadillac Fleetwood	472.0	10.4
	Lincoln Continental	460.0	10.4
	Chrysler Imperial	440.0	14.7
	Fiat 128	78.7	32.4
	Honda Civic	75.7	30.4
	Toyota Corolla	71.1	33.9
	Toyota Corona	120.1	21.5
	Dodge Challenger	318.0	15.5
	AMC Javelin	304.0	15.2
	Camaro Z28	350.0	13.3
	Pontiac Firebird	400.0	19.2
	Fiat X1-9	79.0	27.3
	Porsche 914-2	120.3	26.0
	Lotus Europa	95.1	30.4
	Ford Pantera L	351.0	15.8
	Ferrari Dino	145.0	19.7
	Maserati Bora	301.0	15.0
	Volvo 142E	121.0	21.4

example: remove columns at third to sixth position.

## mtcars %>% select(-c(3:6))

			_					_
!			cyl	_			gear	
	Mazda RX4	21.0	6		0	1	4	4
-	Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	17.02		1	4	4
ı	Datsun 710	22.8	4	18.61	1	1	4	1
١	Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	19.44	1	0	3	1
	Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	17.02	0	0	3	2
	Valiant	18.1	6	20.22	1	0	3	1
	Duster 360	14.3	8	15.84	0	0	3	4
-	Merc 240D	24.4	4	20.00	1	0	4	2
	Merc 230	22.8	4	22.90	1	0	4	2
	Merc 280	19.2	6	18.30	1	0	4	4
-	Merc 280C	17.8	6	18.90	1	0	4	4
-	Merc 450SE	16.4	8	17.40	0	0	3	3
-	Merc 450SL	17.3	8	17.60	0	0	3	3
-	Merc 450SLC	15.2	8	18.00	0	0	3	3
1	Cadillac Fleetwood	10.4	8	17.98	0	0	3	4
1	Lincoln Continental	10.4	8	17.82	0	0	3	4
1	Chrysler Imperial	14.7	8	17.42	0	0	3	4
-	Fiat 128	32.4	4	19.47	1	1	4	1
1	Honda Civic	30.4	4	18.52	1	1	4	2
1	Toyota Corolla	33.9	4	19.90	1	1	4	1
1	Toyota Corona	21.5	4	20.01	1	0	3	1
1	Dodge Challenger	15.5	8	16.87	0	0	3	2
-	AMC Javelin	15.2	8	17.30	0	0	3	2
-	Camaro Z28	13.3	8	15.41	0	0	3	4
1	Pontiac Firebird	19.2	8	17.05	0	0	3	2
-	Fiat X1-9	27.3	4	18.90	1	1	4	1
1	Porsche 914-2	26.0	4	16.70	0	1	5	2
١	Lotus Europa	30.4	4	16.90	1	1	5	2
١	Ford Pantera L	15.8	8	14.50	0	1	5	4



	Ferrari Dino	19.7	6	15.50	0	1	5	6
-	Maserati Bora	15.0	8	14.60	0	1	5	8
1	Volvo 142E	21.4	4	18.60	1	1	4	2

Making use of **helper functions**, selections can be more automated.

Selections can be based on partial string matching, directly with contains () but also using regular expressions with matches ().

example: extract columns with names that include the string ar (show 6).

```
mtcars %>% select(contains('ar')) %>% head( )
```

example: extract columns with names that include the string ar but with at least one element before and after it (show 6).

```
mtcars %>% select(matches('.ar.')) %>% head( )
```

```
| carb | carb | Mazda RX4 | 4 | Mazda RX4 Wag | 4 | Datsun 710 | 1 | Hornet 4 Drive | 1 | Hornet Sportabout | 2 | Valiant | 1
```

Selection can be used to rename variables, but to avoid selection the rename() function may be more interesting.

example: rename the cyl into cyl468 to reflect its values, same for vs and am, and select it together with mpg (show 6).

mtcars %>% select(mpg,cyl468=cyl,vs01=vs,am01=am) %>% head( )

```
mpg cyl468 vs01 am01
| Mazda RX4
                     21.0
                                6
| Mazda RX4 Wag
                     21.0
                                          1
                                     0
Datsun 710
                     22.8
                                           1
| Hornet 4 Drive
                     21.4
                                6
                                          0
| Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                                          0
                     18.1
                                          0
| Valiant
                                6
                                     1
```

example: rename the cyl, vs and am as before without selection (show 6).

```
mtcars %>% rename(cyl468=cyl,vs01=vs,am01=am) %>% head( )
```

```
mpg cyl468 disp hp drat
                                                 wt qsec vs01 am01 gear carb
| Mazda RX4
                    21.0
                                160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                                                             0
| Mazda RX4 Wag
                    21.0
                                 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                             0
                                                                             4
Datsun 710
                    22.8
                                 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                                        4
                                                                             1
                                                              1
| Hornet 4 Drive
                    21.4
                                 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                                        3
                                                                             1
                              6
                                                                        3
                                                                             2
| Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                              8
                                360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                             0
                                                                   0
                              6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                                                        3
                                                                             1
| Valiant
                    18.1
```



note that a select() will include the grouping variables by default.

These grouping variables can be isolated too with the group\_cols() function.

example: create a grouping by vs and am, and extract only those columns.

```
mtcars %>% group_by(vs,am) %>% select(group_cols())
```

```
| # A tibble: 32 x 2
| # Groups:
               vs, am [4]
        ٧S
               am
     <dbl> <dbl>
         0
  1
                1
   2
         0
                1
   3
         1
                1
   4
                0
         1
   5
         0
   6
          1
                0
  7
         0
                0
  8
                0
          1
  9
          1
                0
1 10
          1
                0
| # ... with 22 more rows
```

#### exercises on select

- the starwars dataset is probably still loaded into your workspace!
- select the columns hair, skin and eye color!
- use the : operator for consecutive columns!
- remove these columns instead of selecting them!
- select all columns with a name ending with color!
- use select to rename homeworld to home\_world!
- do the same with the rename() function!
- select only the numeric variables, use where() and is.numeric()!
- select only those variables with names heigth, mass and/or size, if present, use any\_of()!

## mutate

Create new variables based on existing ones.

example: the new mpg2 is the mpg value squared (show 6).

```
mtcars %>% mutate(mpg2=mpg^2) %>% head( )
```

```
wt qsec vs am gear carb
    mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                                       mpg2
1 1 21.0
          6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1
                                                   4 441.00
| 2 21.0
          6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
                                              4
                                                   4 441.00
1 3 22.8
          4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
                                              4
                                                   1 519.84
                                              3
| 4 21.4
          6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
                                                   1 457.96
                                              3
                                                   2 349.69
| 5 18.7
          8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
| 6 18.1
          6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
                                                   1 327.61
```

example: the mpg variable is overwritten with its value squared (show 6).



#### mtcars %>% mutate(mpg=mpg^2) %>% head( ) mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb | 1 441.00 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 2 441.00 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1 4 1 | 3 519.84 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 | 4 457.96 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 3 1 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 2 | 5 349.69 8 3 | 6 327.61 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 A new variable (column) can be created based on multiple existing variables. example: the new NEWVAR is the mpg value multiplied by the vs value (show 6). mtcars %>% mutate(NEWVAR=mpg\*vs) %>% head( ) wt qsec vs am gear carb NEWVAR mpg cyl disp hp drat | 1 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 | 2 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0.0 4 1 | 3 22.8 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 22.8 1 1 4 1 | 4 21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1 21.4 | 5 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0 3 2 0.0 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0 | 6 18.1 18.1 A new variable can be created based on a newly created variable. example: the new NEWVAR is the mpg value multiplied by the vs value and this new variable is divided by the disp variable (show 6). mtcars %>% mutate(NEWVAR=mpg\*vs,NEWVAR2=NEWVAR/disp) %>% head( ) NEWVAR2 mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb NEWVAR | 1 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 0.0 0.00000000 | 2 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1 4 0.0 0.00000000 4 1 3 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1 4 1 22.8 0.21111111 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1 4 21.4 1 21.4 0.08294574 | 5 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0 3 2 0.0 0.00000000 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0 | 6 18.1 3 1 18.1 0.08044444 Newly created variables are added to the existing dataframe, but to isolate them, transmute() can be helpful. mtcars %>% transmute(NEWVAR=mpg\*vs,NEWVAR2=NEWVAR/disp) %>% head() NEWVAR NEWVAR2 0.0 0.00000000 | 1 1 2 0.0 0.00000000 | 3 22.8 0.21111111 21.4 0.08294574 | 4 | 5 0.0 0.00000000 18.1 0.08044444 Making use of window functions, mutations can be more automated. example: add a column with the cumulative sum of mpg using cumsum() (show 6).

16

1

0 1

wt qsec vs am gear carb NEWVAR

4

4

21.0

42.0

mtcars %>% mutate(NEWVAR=cumsum(mpg)) %>% head( )

6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46

6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02

mpg cyl disp hp drat

1 21.0

1 2 21.0



```
| 3 22.8
              108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                          64.8
| 4 21.4
           6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                 3
                                                          86.2
                                        1
                                                      1
| 5 18.7
           8
              360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                        0
                                                 3
                                                      2
                                                         104.9
           6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                                3
| 6 18.1
                                       1 0
                                                      1
                                                        123.0
```

example: add a column with indicator whether the mpg is between 20 and 22 (show 6).

```
mtcars %>% mutate(NEWVAR=between(mpg,20,22)) %>% head( )
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                              wt qsec vs am gear carb NEWVAR
             160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
| 1 21.0
          6
                                        0
                                           1
                                                         TRUE
                                                         TRUE
| 2 21.0
             160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
| 3 22.8
             108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                     1 FALSE
                                        1
                                                4
| 4 21.4
          6
             258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                        1
                                           0
                                                3
                                                     1
                                                         TRUE
                                                3
                                                     2 FALSE
| 5 18.7
          8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                        0
                                          0
| 6 18.1
          6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
                                                3
                                                     1 FALSE
```

example: add a row number dependent on the rank of mpg values, with the rownumber () function. When arranged by mpg this is more clear.

```
mtcars %>% mutate(id=row_number(mpg)) %>% head( )
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                             wt qsec vs am gear carb id
| 1 21.0
          6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                                       0
                                                     4 19
1 2 21.0
          6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                       0
                                          1
                                                4
                                                    4 20
1 3 22.8
            108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
| 4 21.4
             258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
          6
                                          0
                                                3
                                                    1 21
                                       1
| 5 18.7
          8
             360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                          0
                                                3
                                                    2 15
                                       0
          6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
                                               3
                                                    1 14
| 6 18.1
```

```
mtcars %>% mutate(id=row_number(mpg)) %>% arrange(mpg) %>% head( )
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                             wt qsec vs am gear carb id
| 1 10.4
          8 472 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
                                       0
| 2 10.4
          8 460 215 3.00 5.424 17.82
                                         0
                                               3
                                                    4
                                                       2
                                       0
| 3 13.3
             350 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
                                               3
                                                    4 3
| 4 14.3
          8
             360 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
                                       0 0
                                               3
                                                    4 4
| 5 14.7
          8
             440 230 3.23 5.345 17.42
                                       0
                                          0
                                               3
                                                    4
                                                      5
          8 301 335 3.54 3.570 14.60
                                               5
                                                    8
| 6 15.0
                                      0 1
                                                       6
```

Grouping variables can isolate the operations.

example: create a grouping by vs and am, and mutate only those columns.

```
mtcars %>% group_by(vs,am) %>% mutate(id=row_number(mpg)) %>% head( )
```

```
| # A tibble: 6 x 12
| # Groups:
               vs, am [4]
      mpg
            cyl disp
                           hp drat
                                        wt qsec
                                                     ٧S
                                                            am gear
                                                                      carb
                                                                               id
    <dbl> <
| 1 21
               6
                   160
                          110
                               3.9
                                      2.62
                                            16.5
                                                      0
                                                             1
                                                                                4
1 2
     21
                   160
                          110
                               3.9
                                      2.88
                                            17.0
                                                      0
               6
                                                             1
                                                                   4
                                                                                5
1 3
     22.8
               4
                   108
                           93
                               3.85
                                      2.32
                                            18.6
                                                      1
                                                             1
                                                                   4
                                                                          1
                                                                                2
                   258
                                                             0
                                                                   3
| 4 21.4
               6
                          110
                               3.08
                                      3.22
                                            19.4
                                                      1
                                                                          1
                                                                                4
               8
                   360
                                                      0
                                                                   3
                                                                          2
| 5
     18.7
                          175
                               3.15
                                      3.44
                                            17.0
                                                                               11
| 6 18.1
               6
                   225
                          105
                               2.76 3.46 20.2
                                                      1
                                                                                2
```

Now for each combination of vs and am, there will be a 1 (first), 2 (second)... for id.



#### exercises on mutate

- the starwars dataset is probably still loaded into your workspace!
- create a new variable height\_m with height divided by 100!
- create the same new variable, but also define BMI as mass / height\_m to the power 2!
- use transmute to repeat the above mutation but keep only height\_m and BMI!
- create a new variable with the z-score of height for each species (zcore = (value-mean)/sd)!
- create that z-score per species!
- create a gender indicator that replaces the male and female labels with m and f (use recode())!
- create a gender indicator that, when sex is none changes it to the species and otherwise keeps the sex specification (use ifelse()))!

#### summarize

Reduce sets of values into their summaries, based on grouped data.

A new variable (column) is created based on an existing one by summarizing, condensing the data.

example: the mean of all mpg values can be obtained.

```
mtcars %>% summarize(myAverage=mean(mpg))

| myAverage
| 1 20.09062
```

Multiple new variables can be created.

example: the mean and standard deviation of all mpg values can be obtained, for multiple variables.

```
mtcars %>% summarize(myAvMpg=mean(mpg),mySdMpg=sd(mpg),myAvDisp=mean(disp),mySdDisp=sd(disp))
```

```
myAvMpg mySdMpg myAvDisp mySdDisp
1 20.09062 6.026948 230.7219 123.9387
```

Grouping variables are very natural to summarize().

example: the mean of all mpg values can be obtained for each level of vs.

```
mtcars %>% group_by(vs) %>% summarize(myAverage=mean(mpg))
```

```
| # A tibble: 2 x 2
| vs myAverage
| <dbl> <dbl>
| 1 0 16.6
| 2 1 24.6
```

example: the mean and standard deviation of all mpg values can be obtained, for multiple variables, for multiple combinations of grouping, vs and am.

mtcars %>% group\_by(vs,am) %>% summarize(myAvMpg=mean(mpg),mySdMpg=sd(mpg),myAvDisp=mean(disp),mySdDisp

```
| # A tibble: 4 x 6
| # Groups:
              vs [2]
             am myAvMpg mySdMpg myAvDisp mySdDisp
       VS
    <dbl> <dbl>
                   <dbl>
                            <dbl>
                                      <dbl>
                                               <dbl>
                                                71.8
                             2.77
                                     358.
        0
              0
                    15.0
| 1
| 2
        0
              1
                    19.8
                             4.01
                                     206.
                                                95.2
```



example: the total number of observations within a group, eg., vs, can be obtained with n(), or using the special verb count().

```
mtcars %>% group_by(vs) %>% count( )
```

```
| # A tibble: 2 x 2
| # Groups: vs [2]
| vs n
| <dbl> <int>
| 1 0 18
| 2 1 14
```

```
mtcars %>% group_by(vs) %>% summarize(mycount=n())
```

```
| # A tibble: 2 x 2
| vs mycount
| <dbl> <int>
| 1 0 18
| 2 1 14
```

Making use of summary functions, summarizing can be more automated.

example: the number of distinct values in a vector for each combination vs and am can be obtained with n\_distinct(), and the third number of each group with nth().

```
mtcars %>% group_by(vs,am) %>% summarize(nrDist=n_distinct(mpg), `3th`=nth(mpg,3))
```

```
| # A tibble: 4 x 4
               vs [2]
| # Groups:
              am nrDist `3th`
       vs
    <dbl> <dbl>
                  <int> <dbl>
1 1
        0
               0
                     10
                         16.4
| 2
        0
               1
                       5
                          26
| 3
        1
               0
                       7
                          24.4
| 4
               1
                          30.4
        1
```

#### exercises on summarize

- the starwars dataset is probably still loaded into your workspace!
- summarize the height into the average height (some missing values need to be dealt with)!
- repeat to above, but group by species and sex, and include the average mass!

#### scoping a verb

The across() function allows for selection of variables within the summarize() or mutate() function. It will replace the earlier functions \*\_at, \*\_if and \*\_all. To select the variables, they can be explicitly named or extracted with dedicated functions.

example, the structure is asked for after transforming a selected set of variables from numeric into factors. example part 1, after turning the am and vs variable into a factor.



```
mtcars %>% select(mpg,cyl,am,vs) %>% mutate(across(c('am','vs'),factor)) %>% str( )
| 'data.frame': 32 obs. of 4 variables:
  $ mpg: num 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
| $ cyl: num 6646868446 ...
$ am : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
  $ vs : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 2 2 ...
example part 2, after turning the consecutive variables cyl, am and vs into a factor with a : operator.
mtcars %>% select(mpg,cyl,am,vs) %>% mutate(across(cyl:vs,factor)) %>% str( )
| 'data.frame': 32 obs. of 4 variables:
  $ mpg: num 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
  $ cyl: Factor w/ 3 levels "4","6","8": 2 2 1 2 3 2 3 1 1 2 ...
| $ am : Factor w/ 2 levels "0","1": 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
  $ vs : Factor w/ 2 levels "0", "1": 1 1 2 2 1 2 1 2 2 2 ...
example part 3, after turning the variables with names that contain ar into a factor.
mtcars %>% select(mpg,cyl,gear,carb) %>% mutate(across(contains("ar"),factor)) %>% str()
| 'data.frame': 32 obs. of 4 variables:
| $ mpg : num 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
  $ cyl : num 6646868446 ...
  $ gear: Factor w/ 3 levels "3","4","5": 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 ...
  $ carb: Factor w/ 6 levels "1", "2", "3", "4", ...: 4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 ...
example, multiple values can be obtained by specifying a list of functions, for example a median, mean and
sd for the first and third variable (show only first 6).
descr <- list(</pre>
  md = ~median(.x, na.rm = TRUE),
  av = ~mean(.x, na.rm = TRUE),
  sd = \sim sd(.x, na.rm = TRUE)
mtcars %>% mutate(across(c(1,3), descr)) %>% head( )
     mpg cyl disp hp drat
                             wt qsec vs am gear carb mpg_md
                                                                mpg_av mpg_sd disp_md disp_av disp_
                                       0 1 4
                                                         19.2 20.09062 6.026948 196.3 230.7219 123.93
| 1 21.0
          6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                                                    4
| 2 21.0
         6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
                                                4
                                                     4
                                                        19.2 20.09062 6.026948 196.3 230.7219 123.93
         4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1 4
| 3 22.8
                                                  1 19.2 20.09062 6.026948 196.3 230.7219 123.93
| 4 21.4
          6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
                                                3
                                                  1 19.2 20.09062 6.026948 196.3 230.7219 123.93
| 5 18.7
          8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
                                                3
                                                     2
                                                         19.2 20.09062 6.026948
                                                                                  196.3 230.7219 123.93
| 6 18.1
           6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
                                                3
                                                    1 19.2 20.09062 6.026948
                                                                                  196.3 230.7219 123.93
Various functions exist, as part of the tidyselect package, eg., all_of(), where(), matches(),
```

## exercises on across

starts\_with(), and more.

• the starwars dataset is probably still loaded into your workspace!

While the examples use mutate(), they are also possible with summarize().

• summarize the numeric variables into their minimum and maximum (some missing values need to be dealt with)!



#### join

Different datafiles can be combined into one datafile using common variables that serve as key (cfr. relational databases). Methods differ primarily in how they deal with mismatches in key variable values.

example: assume a cylinder specific datafile, mtcyl, with a 2 cylinder but no 8 cylinder unlike the mtcars (4,6,8).

example: combine the mtcars and mtcyl but ignore the irrelevant cyl equal to 2 (not part of mtcars), with a left\_join().

```
mtcars %>% left_join(mtcyl) %>% head( )
   mpg cyl disp hp drat
                      wt qsec vs am gear carb
                                           type
| 1 21.0      6      160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46      0      1       4
                                        4 large
4 large
1 medium
| 4 21.4     6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1 large
       8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0 3 2
| 5 18.7
                                          <NA>
| 6 18.1
       6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
                                    3
                                        1 large
```

Notice that cyl equal to 8 turns out missing, because it is not specified in the -right- datafile.

example: combine the mtcars and mtcyl but ignore the cyl equal to 8 because it lacks information on type, with a right\_join().

```
mtcars %>% right_join(mtcyl) %>% head( )
    mpg cyl disp hp drat
                            wt qsec vs am gear carb
Т
                                                      type
1 21.0 6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 4
                                                  4 large
| 2 21.0      6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
                                                  4 large
3 22.8
         4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
                                             4
                                                  1 medium
| 4 21.4   6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
                                             3
                                                    large
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
                                             3
| 5 18.1
                                                  1 large
| 6 24.4
          4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1 0
                                                  2 medium
```

Notice that cyl equal to 2 is included, but turns out missing for most variables because it is not specified in the -left- datafile.

example: combine the mtcars and mtcyl for only those observations with the linking variable cyl in both files, with an right\_join().



## mtcars %>% inner\_join(mtcyl) %>% head( )

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                             wt qsec vs am gear carb
                                                        type
| 1 21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1
                                               4
                                                    4
                                                       large
| 2 21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
                                               4
                                                    4
                                                       large
3 22.8
          4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
                                                    1 medium
| 4 21.4
          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
                                               3
                                                       large
                                                    1
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1
| 5 18.1
                                          0
                                               3
                                                      large
1 6 24.4
          4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00 1 0
                                               4
                                                    2 medium
```

Notice no missing values, but some data is not included.

example: combine the mtcars and mtcyl keeping all available information, with a full\_join() showing selected rows 1 to 3, 5, 7 and 33.

```
mtcars %>% full_join(mtcyl) %>% slice(c(1:3,5,7,33))
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                             wt qsec vs am gear carb
                                                       type
1 21.0
         6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                                      0 1
                                                      large
| 2 21.0
          6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1
                                              4
                                                   4 large
| 3 22.8
          4 108
                 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                   1 medium
                                              3
                                                   2
                                                       <NA>
| 4 18.7
          8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
                                              3
| 5 14.3
          8
             360 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0 0
                                                   4
                                                       <NA>
16
     NA
              NA NA
                       NA
                            NΑ
                                  NA NA NA
                                             NA
                                                  NA small
```

Other types of join exist, like semi\_join(), nest\_join(), anti\_join(), which are described in the helpfile.

## exercises on join

- the two mini tibbles band\_members and band\_instruments are probably loaded into your workspace as part of the tidyverse!
- combined the two, left/right/inner/full!
- try out the same with semi\_join() and anti\_join() and interpret what happens.

## dplyr exercises

Compare the structure of the mtcars data with a glimpse at that data.

Compare a select of mpg with a pull of mpg.

Check the help file and pull out the second before last column.

Select all columns except the am.

Select all columns except the am and vs.

Keep only columns mpg, cyl and disp, but rename mpg to miles\_gallon.

Insist, keep only columns mpg, cyl and disp, but rename mpg to miles per gallon.

Keep only the consecutive columns in between disp and wt, in addition to mpg as a last column, use a:.

Create a variable for the row names.

Change the mpg (miles per gallon) into kpl (kilometers per liter) with 1 mpg is 0.425 km/l, using mutate().



Select about 10% of the observations, twice, check the help file on using sample\_frac().

note that the matrix way could be:

Select the 10th to 15th row, check the help file on using slice().

Select the distinct combinations only, for variables am and vs.

Check the help files to determine how to keep all variables (for each first observation of that combination).

Filter the data to retain only cases with mpg > 20 and hp above or equal to 110.

Filter the data to retain only the Datsun 710.

## example, getting ahead of ourselves again

read in data delim pivot and separate/unite

exemplary data read into an R-workspace: repeated.txt, a tab-delimited text file, by copy-pasting.

```
myrepeated <- read_delim(clipboard(),delim='\t')</pre>
```

```
| # A tibble: 3 x 7
    id
          `t1 score` `t1 posit` `t2 score` `t2 posit` `t3 score` `t3 posit`
    <chr>
               <dbl> <chr>
                                       <dbl> <chr>
                                                              <dbl> <chr>
                                          NA y
| 1 id1
                    1 x
                                                                  4 x
| 2 id2
                   2 у
                                           3 x
                                                                 NA <NA>
                                           2 у
1 3 id3
                                                                  5 x
                    1 x
```

To get the data tidy, the different time points should not be at different columns. (See draft on Data Representation)

take the id and scores at time points and pivot it to have all scores at their own designated row, with times named type take the id and positions at time points and pivot it to have all positions at their own designated row too, with times named type separate the time part from the type part in the type variable for both scores and positions and name the time part time merge both datasets with a join like before, using id as key, but first eliminate at least one of the inconsistent type variables select only the relevant variables, id, time, score and posit, and remove all observations with a missing value for either score or posit.

```
| # A tibble: 9 x 3
    id
          type
                    score
    <chr> <chr>
                    <dbl>
| 1 id1
          t1 score
                        1
| 2 id1
          t2 score
| 3 id1
                         4
          t3 score
                         2
| 4 id2
          t1 score
| 5 id2
                        3
          t2 score
| 6 id2
          t3 score
                       NA
| 7 id3
          t1 score
                        1
| 8 id3
          t2 score
                         2
| 9 id3
                         5
          t3 score
| # A tibble: 9 x 3
    id
          type
                    posit
    <chr> <chr>
                    <chr>
| 1 id1
          t1 posit x
| 2 id1
          t2 posit y
```



```
| 3 id1
         t3 posit x
| 4 id2
        t1 posit y
| 5 id2
        t2 posit x
| 6 id2
        t3 posit <NA>
| 7 id3
         t1 posit x
| 8 id3
         t2 posit y
| 9 id3
         t3 posit x
| # A tibble: 9 x 4
         time type score
   id
   <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl>
| 1 id1
         t1
               score
                         1
| 2 id1
         t2
               score
| 3 id1
         t3
                         4
               score
                         2
| 4 id2
         t1
               score
| 5 id2
        t2
                         3
               score
| 6 id2
        t3
               score
                        NA
| 7 id3
         t1
                         1
               score
| 8 id3
         t2
                         2
               score
| 9 id3
        t3
               score
| # A tibble: 9 x 4
   id
         time type posit
   <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
| 1 id1
         t1
               posit x
| 2 id1
         t2
               posit y
| 3 id1
         t3
               posit x
| 4 id2
               posit y
         t1
| 5 id2
         t2
               posit x
| 6 id2
         t3
               posit <NA>
| 7 id3
         t1
               posit x
| 8 id3
         t2
               posit y
| 9 id3
        t3
               posit x
| # A tibble: 9 x 5
         time score type posit
   <chr> <chr> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
| 1 id1
         t1
                   1 posit x
| 2 id1
                  NA posit y
         t2
| 3 id1
         t3
                   4 posit x
| 4 id2
         t1
                   2 posit y
| 5 id2
         t2
                   3 posit x
| 6 id2
         t3
                  NA posit <NA>
| 7 id3
         t1
                   1 posit x
| 8 id3
                   2 posit y
         t2
| 9 id3
         t3
                   5 posit x
| # A tibble: 7 x 4
| id
         time score posit
| 1 id1
       t1
                   1 x
| 2 id1
         t3
                   4 x
| 3 id2
         t1
                   2 у
| 4 id2
         t2
                   3 x
| 5 id3
         t1
                   1 x
| 6 id3
         t2
                   2 у
```



#### | 7 id3 t3 5 x

```
scores <- myrepeated %>% select(id, `t1 score`, `t2 score`, `t3 score`) %>%
    pivot_longer(-id,names_to='type',values_to='score') %>%
    separate(type,c('time','type')))
positions <- myrepeated %>% select(id, `t1 posit`, `t2 posit`, `t3 posit`) %>%
    pivot_longer(-id,names_to='type',values_to='posit') %>%
    separate(type,c('time','type')))
longform <- scores %>%
    select(-type) %>%
    full_join(positions)) %>%
    select(-type) %>%
    filter(!is.na(score),!is.na(posit)))
```

It is possible to switch back to a wider data representation, for example to calculate correlations. Maybe fill in the missing values NA as 0 values.

```
| # A tibble: 3 x 6
    id
           t1_x t3_x t1_y t2_x t2_y
    <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
| 1 id1
              1
                    4
                          NA
                                NA
                                      NΑ
| 2 id2
             NA
                   NA
                           2
                                 3
                                      NA
                                       2
| 3 id3
                    5
                                NA
              1
                          NA
longform %>% pivot_wider(values_from=score,names_from=c(time,posit))
# longform %>% pivot_wider(values_from=score,names_from=c(time,posit),values_fill=list(score=0))
```

## friends of dplyr

dplyr is the main package for data transformations

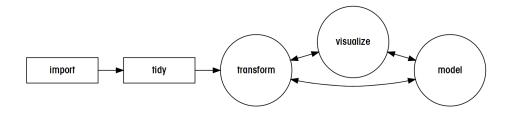


Figure 2: workflow: tidyverse lingo

in preparation of data manipulation

- the data has to be brought into the R workspace
- the data has to be tidy for efficient further processing

after the transformation, the data should be ready for

- modeling
- visualization [see ggplot in Data Visualization]



## tidyr to tidy data

tidyr (package within tidyverse) is focused on

- tidying dataframes (tibbles): pivoting data into longer or wider form
- to explore and transform (for visualization / modeling)
- creating pure variables

main -verbs- (see example above)

- pivot\_wider() and pivot\_longer(): turn multiple columns or rows into one, making datafiles longer or wider
- separate( ) and extract( ): create multiple columns from one column using delimiters or regular expressions

## pivot

turning long form data into wide form and vise verse

- each research unit is assigned to a row, in a tidy dataframe (tibble)
- the research unit in focus can change throughout an analysis (eg., test score  $\rightarrow$  student)
- both univariate and multivariate data representations can be required for data analysis
- multivariate data representation most intuitive, univariate most flexible

example: for the iris dataset, with 4 values for each unit within each species, showing only the first 6 observations.

```
long_iris <- iris %>% pivot_longer(-Species,names_to='type',values_to='score')
long_iris %>% head( )
```

```
| # A tibble: 6 x 3
   Species type
                         score
   <fct>
            <chr>>
                         <dbl>
| 1 setosa Sepal.Length
                           5.1
| 2 setosa Sepal.Width
                           3.5
| 3 setosa Petal.Length
                           1.4
| 4 setosa Petal.Width
                           0.2
| 5 setosa Sepal.Length
                           4.9
| 6 setosa Sepal.Width
                           3
```

example: for the long form iris dataset, the univariate case, it can not be switched into a wider form.

```
long_iris %>% pivot_wider(values_from=score,names_from=type)
```

there should be a unique combination for rows x columns, the new dataset does not link values from an individual unit (row).

example: redo the pivoting from wide to long, after adding an indicator variable for each unit.

```
long_iris <- iris %>% mutate(id=1:n()) %>% pivot_longer(-c(Species,id),names_to='type',values_to='score
long_iris %>% head()
```



```
| # A tibble: 6 x 4
   Species id type
                              score
    <fct>
          <int> <chr>
                              <dbl>
| 1 setosa
             1 Sepal.Length
                                5.1
| 2 setosa
             1 Sepal.Width
              1 Petal.Length
| 3 setosa
                                1.4
| 4 setosa
               1 Petal.Width
                                0.2
| 5 setosa
               2 Sepal.Length
                                4.9
               2 Sepal.Width
| 6 setosa
```

Also in long form, rows are combined into clusters of scores related to the same unit. example: the pivoting can now be done from long to wide (using id information to assign scores to the appropriate row)

```
wide_iris <- long_iris %>% pivot_wider(values_from=score,names_from=type)
wide_iris
```

-	# A tibble: 150 x 6							
	Species	id Se	pal.Length	${\tt Sepal.Width}$	Petal.Length	Petal.Width		
	<fct></fct>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>		
-	1 setosa	1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2		
	2 setosa	2	4.9	3	1.4	0.2		
	3 setosa	3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2		
	4 setosa	4	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2		
	5 setosa	5	5	3.6	1.4	0.2		
-	6 setosa	6	5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4		
-	7 setosa	7	4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3		
-	8 setosa	8	5	3.4	1.5	0.2		
	9 setosa	9	4.4	2.9	1.4	0.2		
-	10 setosa	10	4.9	3.1	1.5	0.1		
- 1	# with	140 more	rows					

Note in wider format, cluster information is implied by the row, in longer format it is made explicit with indicator variables. The original wide and long distinction is abolished because it is recognized that there are various shades in between, hence wide-r and long-er.

#### exercises on pivot

- the world\_bank\_pop dataset that is part of the tidyr package
- pivot the dataset to have univariate data for the scores over the different years
- the us\_rent\_income dataset is also part of the tidyr package
- pivot the dataset to have a multivariate version with variables for all estimate x moe combinations
- first verify what happens when constructing a multivariate version only for estimate

## separate / unite

splitting up information within a variable, or combining over variables

- each variable should consist of one type of information, in a tidy dataframe (tibble)
- variables that combine information should often be split



variables that provide no additional information should be removed, sometimes united

example: the long form iris data shows a type that consists of both Petal/Sepal and Length/Width, the can be separated.

```
long_iris_x <- long_iris %>% separate(type,c('PT','lw'))
long_iris_x %>% head( )
```

```
| # A tibble: 6 x 5
   Species id PT
                       lw
                              score
   <fct> <int> <chr> <chr>
                              <dbl>
| 1 setosa
             1 Sepal Length
                                5.1
| 2 setosa
             1 Sepal Width
                               3.5
             1 Petal Length
| 3 setosa
                                1.4
             1 Petal Width
| 4 setosa
                                0.2
| 5 setosa
             2 Sepal Length
                                4.9
            2 Sepal Width
| 6 setosa
                                3
```

example: the separated columns can be combined, using a separator dash in this case (default is underscore).

```
unite_iris <- long_iris_x %>% unite('myType',PT:lw,sep='-')
unite_iris
```

```
| # A tibble: 600 x 4
    Species id myType
                             score
    <fct> <int> <chr>
                             <dbl>
  1 setosa
             1 Sepal-Length
                               5.1
             1 Sepal-Width
  2 setosa
                               3.5
  3 setosa
               1 Petal-Length
                               1.4
  4 setosa
              1 Petal-Width
                               0.2
  5 setosa
               2 Sepal-Length
                               4.9
  6 setosa
               2 Sepal-Width
                               3
  7 setosa
               2 Petal-Length
                               1.4
               2 Petal-Width
                               0.2
  8 setosa
               3 Sepal-Length
                               4.7
  9 setosa
| 10 setosa
               3 Sepal-Width
                               3.2
| # ... with 590 more rows
```

The tidyr package includes some other functions that can be of interest when getting more involved into programming and simulations studies, like expand(), crossover(), nesting(). Best check the helpfile.

## exercises on separate / unite

- the mtcars should still be loaded into your workspace
- turn the rownames to a variable called type using the rownames\_to\_column() function, it consists of car type information, car subtype and subtype specification.
- separate the type into three pieces (if there are less, make third and if necessary the second a missing value)
- unite the second and third part under the name subtype.



## import data with readr, readxl or haven

when using your own data, they have to be imported into the workspace.

- data that are saved as R objects in a workspace (\*.RData) can be loaded with the load() function
- various packages and the R base package offer functions for various types of data (excel, spss, sas, ...)
- in tidyverse the readr package deals with most common data, readxl is dedicated to notorious excel, and haven addresses the link with the main statistical software SAS, spss and Stata.

#### readr

A common function that is of interest is the read\_delim() function from the readr package. A file in the working directory can be specified jointly with the delimiter, it can be obtained from the clipboard of searched through.

```
myrepeated <- read_delim(file='repeated.txt',delim='\t') # if repeated.txt is in the working directory
myrepeated <- read_delim(clipboard(),delim='\t')
myrepeated <- read_delim(file.choose(),delim='\t')</pre>
```

The file.choose() and clipboard() can be used with other functions as well, like the ones discussed next.

Consult with ?read\_delim() on how to set different parameters and gain flexibility to read in data.

#### readxl

Dedicated to Excel, the read\_excel() function facilitates reading Excel files. Alternatively, save Excel files to tab-delimited or comma separated value files to read with read\_delim().

Example, read in the RealData\_clean.xlsx file making use of the defaults.

```
read_excel('RealData_clean.xlsx')
```

```
| # A tibble: 280 x 21
                                                                                                `RCOP (mm)` `Measu
     Pte
            Dx
                       Ρ
                                `Location opera~ `Size mm (FMT,V~ `FMT (mm)`
                                                                                    `MSD (mm)`
     <chr>>
            <chr> <dbl> <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <chr>
                                                                             <dbl>
                                                                                         <dbl>
                                                                                                       <dbl> <chr>
   1 1
            TB
                                                NA VZ 24 (vierling)
                                                                                                          NA Y
                       3
                              1
                                                                                NA
                                                                                             24
   2 2
            TB
                                                NA FMT 13
                                                                                13
                                                                                             NA
                                                                                                          NA Y/N
                       1
                             NA
   3 3
            FLIN
                                                                                                          NA Y
                       1
                             NA
                                                NA VZ 23
                                                                                NA
                                                                                             23
   4 4
            TB
                       1
                             NΑ
                                                NA FMT 12
                                                                                12
                                                                                             NΑ
                                                                                                          NA Y
   5 5
            TB
                       2
                             NA
                                                NA FMT 8
                                                                                 8
                                                                                                          NA N
                                                                                             NA
   6 6
                       3
                              2
                                                                                 6
            TB
                                                NA FMT 6
                                                                                                          NA N
                                                                                             NA
   7 7
                                                                                 2
            FLIN
                       1
                              1
                                                NA FMT
                                                        2
                                                                                             NA
                                                                                                          NA Y
  8 8
            TB
                       2
                                                                                 8
                                                                                                          NA Y
                             NΑ
                                                 1 FMT 8
                                                                                             NΑ
  9 9
            ORT
                       1
                              1
                                                NA QRT 10
                                                                                NA
                                                                                             NA
                                                                                                          10 Y
I 10 10
            TB
                             NΑ
                                                NA VZ 45
                                                                                NΑ
                                                                                             45
                                                                                                          NA Y
```

| # ... with 270 more rows, and 8 more variables: `Delay Dx-evac` <chr>, `evac <20d` <dbl>, `evac > 20d
| # Pil <chr>, Age <dbl>

Consult with ?read\_excel on alternative parameter values to extract specific columns, specifics Excel-tabs,

•••



#### haven

Haven is dedicated to the major statistical software packages, SPSS, SAS and STATA.

An SPSS version of the iris data is part of the tidyverse system, located in the examples folder of the haven package.

The data is simply read, using default parameters, as read\_sav.

```
pathToIrisSpssData <- system.file("examples", "iris.sav", package = "haven")
read_sav(pathToIrisSpssData)</pre>
```

```
| # A tibble: 150 x 5
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
                                                               Species
             <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                             <dbl+lbl>
               5.1
                            3.5
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 1 [setosa]
  1
  2
               4.9
                            3
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 1 [setosa]
  3
               4.7
                                                       0.2 1 [setosa]
                            3.2
                                          1.3
  4
               4.6
                            3.1
                                          1.5
                                                       0.2 1 [setosa]
  5
               5
                                                       0.2 1 [setosa]
                            3.6
                                          1.4
  6
                                                       0.4 1 [setosa]
               5.4
                            3.9
                                          1.7
  7
                                                       0.3 1 [setosa]
               4.6
                            3.4
                                          1.4
  8
                            3.4
                                          1.5
                                                       0.2 1 [setosa]
               5
  9
               4.4
                            2.9
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 1 [setosa]
| 10
               4.9
                                                       0.1 1 [setosa]
                            3.1
                                          1.5
| # ... with 140 more rows
```

A SAS version of the iris data is simply read with read\_sas. The dataset has a sas7dat extension.

```
path <- system.file("examples", "iris.sas7bdat", package = "haven")
read_sas(path)</pre>
```

```
| # A tibble: 150 x 5
     Sepal_Length Sepal_Width Petal_Length Petal_Width Species
            <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                        <dbl>
                                                     <dbl> <chr>
  1
               5.1
                            3.5
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 setosa
  2
               4.9
                            3
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 setosa
  3
               4.7
                            3.2
                                          1.3
                                                       0.2 setosa
  4
               4.6
                            3.1
                                          1.5
                                                       0.2 setosa
  5
               5
                            3.6
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 setosa
  6
                            3.9
               5.4
                                          1.7
                                                       0.4 setosa
  7
               4.6
                                                       0.3 setosa
                            3.4
                                          1.4
  8
               5
                            3.4
                                          1.5
                                                       0.2 setosa
Τ
  9
               4.4
                            2.9
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 setosa
1 10
               4.9
                            3.1
                                          1.5
                                                       0.1 setosa
| # ... with 140 more rows
```

A Stata version of the iris data is read in with read\_dta() or read\_stata(). The dataset has a dta extension.

```
path <- system.file("examples", "iris.dta", package = "haven")
read_dta(path)</pre>
```

```
| # A tibble: 150 x 5
| sepallength sepalwidth petallength petalwidth species
| <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
```



1	1	5.10	3.5	1.40	0.200 setosa
i	2	4.90	3	1.40	0.200 setosa
i	3	4.70	3.20	1.30	0.200 setosa
Ì	4	4.60	3.10	1.5	0.200 setosa
Ì	5	5	3.60	1.40	0.200 setosa
Ì	6	5.40	3.90	1.70	0.400 setosa
Ì	7	4.60	3.40	1.40	0.300 setosa
Ì	8	5	3.40	1.5	0.200 setosa
1	9	4.40	2.90	1.40	0.200 setosa
1	10	4.90	3.10	1.5	0.100 setosa
Ī	#	with 140 mc	re rows		

To write any of the files, use the write\_ prefix, for dta, sas and sav. example, write the mtcars into sas format.

```
write_sas(mtcars,'mytryinSAS.sas7bdat')
```

## final summary on Data Manipulation

Current draft provides a primer on data manipulation, tidy data and the importing of data, which are the main steps in preparation of most real data analyses and visualizations. It is strongly advised to play with the techniques discussed above to get some proficiency in using it, as it would add significantly to the flexibility of whatever you want to further do with your data.

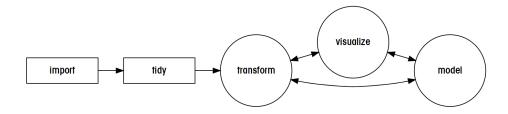


Figure 3: workflow: tidyverse lingo

A different draft addresses what is tidy data, with a focus on how data should be registered. A next draft will address how to visualize data, using the ggplot() function.

Several tidyverse packages are not yet discussed, which does suggest they are not useful but they are more specific. The consistency within tidyverse should give you a push though, to study the other packages yourself when of interest.

Base R still is a proper alternative to the tidyverse package, so be aware that others may do things differently.