N741: Lecture 7 Data and Code Wrangling

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Markdown Document Begins

Let's look at your "environment" at the beginning of the R Markdown document (RMD). One way to do this is to see what your current sessionInfo() is at first. Notice especially, what packages are NOT loaded.

Also let's see what the RMD file "sees" in your "Global Environment" - this question is itself incorrect, since when the "KNIT" process begins a new "environment" is actually created with an empty data space (no objects), which is why no packages beyond those in base R are available. We'll run the ls() command to "list" the objects that the RMD file can "see" along the steps below.

sessionInfo()

```
## R version 3.3.2 (2016-10-31)
## Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
## Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 14393)
##
## locale:
## [1] LC_COLLATE=English_United States.1252
## [2] LC_CTYPE=English_United States.1252
## [3] LC_MONETARY=English_United States.1252
## [4] LC NUMERIC=C
##
  [5] LC_TIME=English_United States.1252
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats
                 graphics grDevices utils
                                               datasets methods
                                                                    base
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
  [1] backports_1.0.4 magrittr_1.5
                                        rprojroot_1.1
                                                         tools_3.3.2
   [5] htmltools_0.3.5 yaml_2.1.14
                                        Rcpp_0.12.8
                                                         stringi_1.1.2
   [9] rmarkdown_1.3
                        knitr_1.15.1
                                        stringr_1.1.0
                                                         digest_0.6.10
## [13] evaluate_0.10
ls()
```

character(0)

Notice that there are 4 parts to the sessionInfo() output:

- the R software version and platform details
- the "locale" information about English language and location in the United States
- a list of the "attached base packages" these are the ones that are loaded with base R
- and a list of packages (so far) "loaded via namespace (and not attached)" to understand this better see this short demo at "Stack Overflow" http://stackoverflow.com/questions/14988722/in-r-what-does-loaded-via-a-namespace-and-not-attached-mean. Basically, you can't call functions in these packages directly, instead you have to use the format package::function() to call the functions in these packages.

Your RMD "Session" and "Environment"

Let's load the packages we need and run the sessionInfo() command again and compare to what we saw above. We'll run the ls() command again for completeness but we haven't created any objects yet so this is still empty.

Let's "load" tidyverse and see how this impacts the sessionInfo().

```
library(tidyverse)
## Loading tidyverse: ggplot2
## Loading tidyverse: tibble
## Loading tidyverse: tidyr
## Loading tidyverse: readr
## Loading tidyverse: purrr
## Loading tidyverse: dplyr
## Conflicts with tidy packages -----
## filter(): dplyr, stats
## lag():
             dplyr, stats
sessionInfo()
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##
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## [3] LC_MONETARY=English_United States.1252
## [4] LC NUMERIC=C
## [5] LC_TIME=English_United States.1252
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats
                 graphics grDevices utils
                                                datasets methods
                                                                    base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] dplyr_0.5.0
                        purrr_0.2.2.9000 readr_1.0.0
                                                           tidyr_0.6.0
## [5] tibble_1.2-12
                        ggplot2_2.2.0
                                         tidyverse_1.0.0
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
  [1] Rcpp_0.12.8
                         knitr_1.15.1
                                          magrittr_1.5
                                                            munsell_0.4.3
  [5] colorspace_1.2-6 R6_2.1.3
                                          stringr_1.1.0
                                                            plyr_1.8.4
   [9] tools 3.3.2
                         grid_3.3.2
                                           gtable 0.2.0
                                                            DBI 0.5
## [13] htmltools_0.3.5 yaml_2.1.14
                                          lazyeval_0.2.0
                                                            rprojroot_1.1
                                           evaluate_0.10
## [17] digest_0.6.10
                         assertthat_0.1
                                                            rmarkdown_1.3
## [21] stringi_1.1.2
                         scales_0.4.1
                                           backports_1.0.4
ls()
```

character(0)

Now you get a 5th category in the sessionInfo() listing "other attached packages". So, you can now see that by loading tidyverse we have greatly expanded the functionality now available. tidyverse has now added:

• dplyr

- purrr
- readr
- tidyr
- tibble
- ggplot
- tidyverse

So, these packages (above) do not have to be loaded again.

However, tidyverse does load more packages by "namespace" but these (below) have to called using the package::function() syntax:

- assertthat
- R6
- grid
- DBI
- gtable
- scales
- lazyeval
- munsell
- colorspace

NOTE: In general, it is a good idea to go ahead and use the package::function() syntax so that someone reading your code in the future will know at a glance what packages are needed for your code to work.

Load Data

First let's read in the "Pesticides.csv" and "ag-dict.csv" datasets using read_csv() from the readr package loaded as part of the tidyverse. Notice that when we look at the Pesticides data using head() R says it is a "tibble" - this is also a result of using the tidyverse.

AND let's run ls() again so you see that we now have 2 objects in our "environment" that the RMD file can "see":

- Pesticides and
- ag_dict

##

##

<chr> <int>

```
# read in the pesticide dataset
Pesticides <- read_csv("Pesticides.csv")</pre>
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##
     COMPOUND = col_character(),
##
     YEAR = col_integer(),
##
     STATE_CODE = col_integer(),
     COUNTY_CODE = col_integer(),
##
     LOW_ESTIMATE = col_double(),
##
     HIGH_ESTIMATE = col_double()
##
## )
# look at head() of dataset
# notice it is listed as a "tibble"
# this is from tidyverse
head(Pesticides)
## # A tibble: 6 \times 6
```

<dbl>

<dbl>

COMPOUND YEAR STATE_CODE COUNTY_CODE LOW_ESTIMATE HIGH_ESTIMATE

<int>

<int>

```
## 1
        2_4_D
               2014
                               1
                                            1
                                                     1698.6
                                                                    1885.5
                                                                    8472.4
## 2
        2_4_D
               2014
                               1
                                            3
                                                     7513.6
                                                     2613.6
                                                                    2889.4
## 3
        2 4 D
               2014
                               1
                                            5
        2_4_D
               2014
                                            7
## 4
                               1
                                                     1259.2
                                                                    1277.7
## 5
        2 4 D
               2014
                               1
                                            9
                                                     7590.5
                                                                    7756.1
## 6
        2_4_D
               2014
                               1
                                                                    1408.5
                                           11
                                                     1318.9
# read in the links to county and state names
ag_dict <- read_csv("ag-dict.csv")</pre>
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##
     STATE_CODE = col_integer(),
##
     COUNTY_CODE = col_integer(),
     COUNTY = col_character(),
##
     STATE = col_character()
##
## )
ls()
## [1] "ag_dict"
                     "Pesticides"
```

Summary of the Data

Let's run a summary() of the variables in the Pesticides dataset:

```
summary(Pesticides)
```

```
STATE_CODE
##
      COMPOUND
                              YEAR
                                                           COUNTY_CODE
##
    Length: 392433
                        Min.
                                :2014
                                        Min.
                                                : 1.00
                                                                 : 1.0
                                                         Min.
##
    Class : character
                        1st Qu.:2014
                                        1st Qu.:19.00
                                                          1st Qu.: 35.0
##
    Mode :character
                        Median:2014
                                        Median :29.00
                                                         Median : 77.0
##
                        Mean
                                :2014
                                        Mean
                                                :30.73
                                                         Mean
                                                                 : 94.6
                                        3rd Qu.:45.00
##
                        3rd Qu.:2014
                                                          3rd Qu.:129.0
##
                        Max.
                                :2014
                                        Max.
                                                :56.00
                                                          Max.
                                                                 :810.0
##
##
     LOW ESTIMATE
                       HIGH_ESTIMATE
                   0
##
                       Min.
                                      0
    Min.
                              :
    1st Qu.:
                   1
                       1st Qu.:
                                      2
##
   Median:
                  12
                       Median:
                                     16
                                   1225
##
    Mean
                1534
                       Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:
                 134
                       3rd Qu.:
                                    142
            :5507146
##
    Max.
                       Max.
                               :5507146
    NA's
            :119027
##
```

This dataset is estimated amounts of different pesticides (388 compounds) applied by county and by state in 2014.

Compute a new variable

The variables LOW_ESTIMATE and HIGH_ESTIMATE are estimated amounts of the pesticide named in that row applied in that county of that state in 2014. Let's **create a new variable**, the average estimate and get a summary.

```
Pesticides$AVG_ESTIMATE <-
(Pesticides$LOW_ESTIMATE + Pesticides$HIGH_ESTIMATE)/2

summary(Pesticides$AVG_ESTIMATE)
```

```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's
## 0 2 22 1598 190 5507000 119027
```

The "Grammar" of Data Wrangling

The Girasoles (Sunflower) study is assessing the health of agricultural workers in Florida (STATE_CODE 12). The cities where we have worked to date are Pierson, Apopka, Immokalee, and Felsmere, which are located in Volusia, Orange, Collier, and Indian River Counties respectively. The county codes are 127, 945, 21, and 61 respectively.

Today we are talking a bit more about the grammars of R, specifically, the grammar of graphics, and the grammar of data wrangling.

That brilliant rascal, Hadley Wickham, is responsible for both of these grammars.

First, the grammar of data wrangling (or More with dplyr from tidyverse).

There are five "verbs" for data wrangling. These are as follows:

- select()
 - This will take a subset of columns (i.e., features or variables)
- filter()
 - This will take a subset of rows (i.e., observations)
- mutate()
 - This will add or modify existing columns
- arrange()
 - This will sort the rows
- summarize()
 - This will aggregate data across rows (e.g., group it according to some criteria)

Each of these functions takes a data frame as its first argument, and returns a data frame. So these are pretty powerful functions, allowing you to slice and dice your way through a data table.

It is said that Hadley Wickham created these "verbs" in an inspiration to blur the boundaries between R and SQL, a relational database querying language.

Subsetting data - selecting the columns or rows you want

The two simplest of these commands are **select()** and **filter()**. These allow you to return only a subset of columns or rows in a data frame.

To demonstrate, let's grab the chunk of the dataset that is only the pesticide Atrazine applied in the state of Florida. We already know that Florida has STATE_CODE of 12, so first let's just grab the columns we want, COMPOUND, STATE_CODE, and AVG_ESTIMATE (i.e. keep 3 columns). We can use the dim() command to get the number of rows and columns for each new data object created.

```
AVG_ESTIMATE)
dim(pesticide_subset)
## [1] 392433
Now let's get Florida only (keep only the rows for Florida):
# dplyr::filter() selects the rows you want
# notice we are using a LOGICAL argument
# STATE_CODE == 12 as our filter
FL_subset <- filter(pesticide_subset,</pre>
                     STATE CODE == 12)
dim(FL subset)
## [1] 9167
And now let's get Atrazine only rows:
FL_Atrazine <- filter(FL_subset,</pre>
                        COMPOUND == "Atrazine")
dim(FL_Atrazine)
## [1] 60 3
```

EXERCISE FOR YOU TO TRY

Why don't you try this with data from the state of Georgia (with state code 13)? Specifically, the governor is interested in the amount of glyphosate (aka "Round-up") applied in 2014. How would you do this? Fill in the following R chunk. In this case, look for COMPOUND with name "Glyphosate" with a capital "G".

```
# TRY IN CLASS
```

A better way - Using pipes %>%

Note that in the way that we have sequenced these operations, the filter() operation is nested within the select() operation. We could just as easily reversed the order, nesting select() within filter(). Another way to think of this maneuver is that these operations are "chained" together in a "pipeline". The symbol for "piping" is %>%, in which the value returned from the first operation is the input for the second operation, etc.

For instance, instead of 3 different steps above, we can do this in effectively one line of code as follows shown below. This can be read as "take the Pesticides dataset" THEN select 3 variables (columns) THEN filter out only the cases (rows) for Florida (STATE_CODE=12) and Atrazine (COMPOUND).

```
FL_Atrazine_new <- Pesticides %>%
  select(COMPOUND, STATE_CODE, AVG_ESTIMATE) %>%
  filter(STATE_CODE == 12 & COMPOUND == "Atrazine")
# run summary of this data
summary(FL_Atrazine_new$AVG_ESTIMATE)
##
       Min.
             1st Qu.
                       Median
                                   Mean
                                         3rd Qu.
                                                      Max.
##
        0.5
                84.2
                         399.6
                               10700.0
                                          1164.0 447100.0
```

Let's make a histogram of Atrazine Use in FL in 2014

Let's make a histogram of the Atrazine Use in FL during 2014.

As we make this plot - we'll walk through the "Grammar of Graphics" ggplot2 syntax and layering approach to building a plot/graphic.

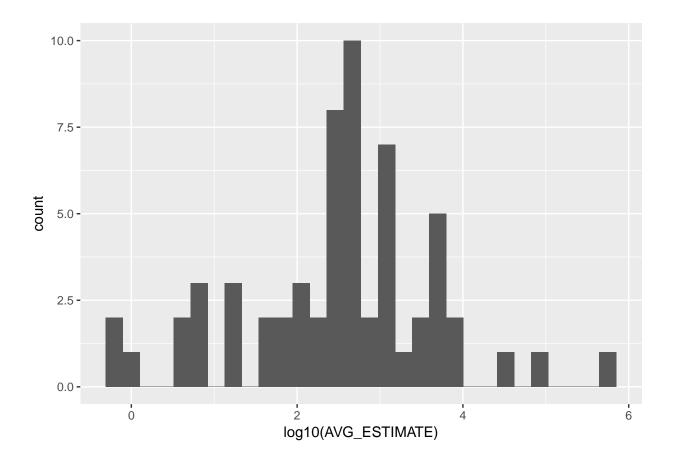
Step 1 - initialize the graphical environment



Step 2 - add a "geom" geometric object for histogram

As we saw looking at the summary stats above, the data is really skewed with some possible outliers (really high levels). So, we'll use a log10() transform of the data to help "normalize" the levels. NOTE: The minimum value was small but was > 0. Remember log(0) is not a number so if you have true 0's in your data do not use a log-transform.

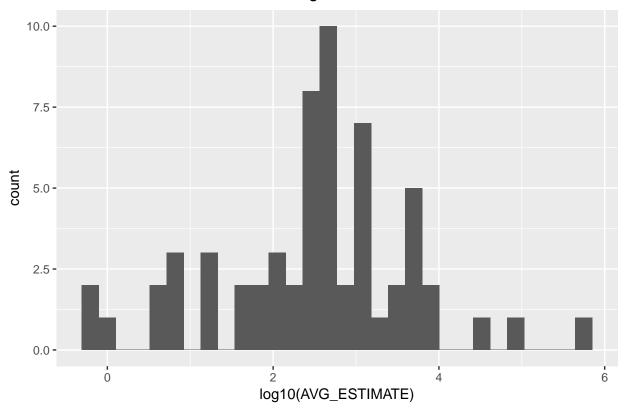
```
ggplot(data=FL_Atrazine_new) +
geom_histogram(aes(log10(AVG_ESTIMATE)))
```



Step 3 - add a title

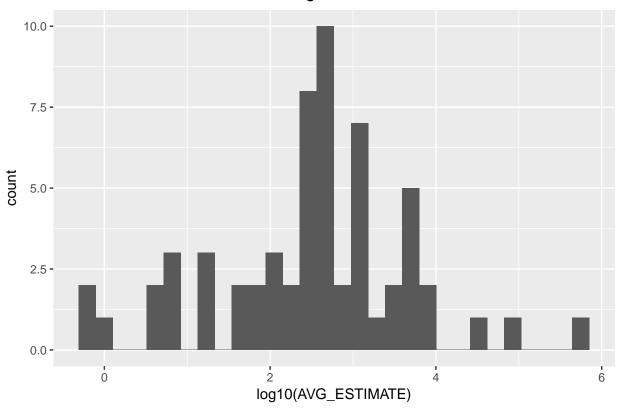
```
ggplot(data=FL_Atrazine_new) +
geom_histogram(aes(log10(AVG_ESTIMATE))) +
ggtitle("Atrazine Levels Used in FL During 2014")
```

Atrazine Levels Used in FL During 2014



```
# we could also do this using pipes %>%
FL_Atrazine_new %>%
    ggplot() +
    geom_histogram(aes(log10(AVG_ESTIMATE))) +
    ggtitle("Atrazine Levels Used in FL During 2014")
```





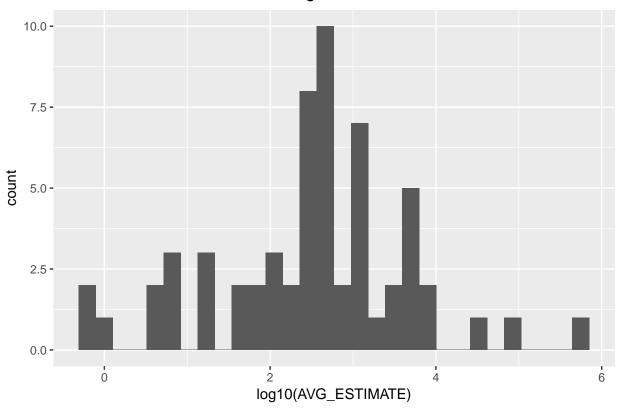
Suppose we put it all into 1 long process

Most of the above code could be condensed using pipes %>%. The biggest advantage is you can easily see how we started with the original Pesticides dataset, selected variables of interest, filtered out the rows we wanted, and then made a histogram using the ggplot2 approach.

```
# we could actually do all of the
# multiple code steps above using pipes %>%

Pesticides %>%
   select(COMPOUND, STATE_CODE, AVG_ESTIMATE) %>%
   filter(STATE_CODE == 12 & COMPOUND == "Atrazine") %>%
   ggplot() +
   geom_histogram(aes(log10(AVG_ESTIMATE))) +
   ggtitle("Atrazine Levels Used in FL During 2014")
```





EXERCISE FOR YOU TO TRY

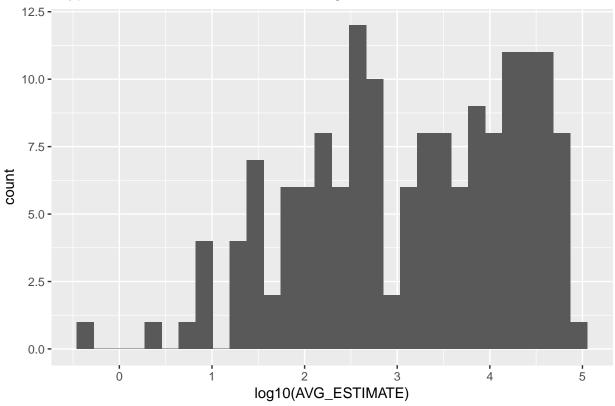
Let's modify the code above for Georgia's (STATE_CODE 13) use of Glyphosate (remember to captialize the "G") - show the histogram.

```
Pesticides %>%
  select(COMPOUND, STATE_CODE, AVG_ESTIMATE) %>%
  filter(STATE_CODE == 13 & COMPOUND == "Glyphosate") %>%
  ggplot() +
  geom_histogram(aes(log10(AVG_ESTIMATE))) +
  ggtitle("Glyphosate Levels Used in GA During 2014")
```

`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

Warning: Removed 2 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).





Modifying the data object - rename and mutate

The mutate() and rename() functions allow us to cerate, redefine, and rename our variables.

When we created the new variable AVG_ESTIMATE above, we could have used mutate() to create and append a new variable to the Pesticides dataset (thus "mutating" it from its original form).

```
# the option is to do this with the
# dplyr package mutate() function
# and the %>% "pipe" option also available
# in the dplyr package which imports
# the magrittr package
Pesticides <- Pesticides %>%
    mutate(AVG_ESTIMATE = (LOW_ESTIMATE+HIGH_ESTIMATE)/2)
summary(Pesticides)
```

##	COMPOUND	YEAR	STATE_CODE	COUNTY_CODE
##	Length:392433	Min. :2014	Min. : 1.00	Min. : 1.0
##	Class :character	1st Qu.:2014	1st Qu.:19.00	1st Qu.: 35.0
##	Mode :character	Median :2014	Median :29.00	Median : 77.0
##		Mean :2014	Mean :30.73	Mean : 94.6
##		3rd Qu.:2014	3rd Qu.:45.00	3rd Qu.:129.0
##		Max. :2014	Max. :56.00	Max. :810.0
##				
##	LOW_ESTIMATE	HIGH_ESTIMATE	AVG_ESTIMATE	

```
0
##
    Min.
                        Min.
                                            Min.
                                                           2
##
    1st Qu.:
                        1st Qu.:
                                       2
                                            1st Qu.:
                   1
   Median :
                  12
                        Median:
                                      16
                                            Median:
                                                          22
                                                        1598
##
   Mean
                1534
                        Mean
                                    1225
                                            Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:
                 134
                        3rd Qu.:
                                     142
                                            3rd Qu.:
                                                         190
##
    Max.
            :5507146
                                :5507146
                                                    :5507146
                        Max.
                                            Max.
                                                    :119027
    NA's
            :119027
                                            NA's
```

Suppose we wanted to rename this newly created variable from "AVG_ESTIMATE" to "avgEst", we could use rename() to change the name. We'll then run the names() command to see the new list of variable names for the Pesticides dataset.

```
Pesticides <- Pesticides %>%
    rename(avgEst = AVG_ESTIMATE)

names(Pesticides)

## [1] "COMPOUND" "YEAR" "STATE_CODE" "COUNTY_CODE"

## [5] "LOW_ESTIMATE" "HIGH_ESTIMATE" "avgEst"
```

Methods for summarising the data - summarise and group_by

3

4

5

6

5 2530.4443

6 8810.5637

8 1777.0288

9

107.4497

Next let's use the group_by() and summarise() commands from the dplyr package. Let's look at the mean "avgEst" from each state.

```
stateLevels <- Pesticides %>%
  group_by(STATE_CODE) %>%
  summarise(meanLevel = mean(avgEst, na.rm=TRUE))
# qet some details on new stateLevels data object
dim(stateLevels)
## [1] 48 2
names(stateLevels)
## [1] "STATE_CODE" "meanLevel"
head(stateLevels)
## # A tibble: 6 × 2
##
     STATE_CODE meanLevel
##
          <int>
                    <dbl>
## 1
                 616.7813
              1
## 2
                733.0102
```

NOTE: This newly created object stateLevels is a nice neat "data.frame" object (run class(stateLevels) to check). Guess what - knitr::kable() works well on these kinds of objects so we can use this to make a table.

The dim() command shows us that we have 2 columns with names "STATE_CODE" and "meanLevel" for 48 states. IN the code below we'll clean up these column names and give the table a "caption". We'll clean this up further below by finding a way to match the names of the States to their Codes so we can use actual State names instead of just numeric codes.

To minimize the length of the table, we'll just include the 1st 10 rows.

Table 1: Average Pesticide Levels by State

State Codes	Avg Pesticide Level
1	616.7813
4	733.0102
5	2530.4443
6	8810.5637
8	1777.0288
9	107.4497
10	2639.3789
12	3204.2359
13	1002.0889
16	3152.6404

Use JOIN commands - add State Abbreviations and Names

In the stateLevels data object, so far all we have are numeric codes for the states but we'd like to add either the State abbreviations or the State names or both.

- 1. We're going to add information on the states from a built in dataset state.regions from the choroplethrMaps package.
- 2. Then we rename STATE_CODE to fips.numeric to match with what is in the state.regions data object.
- 3. Then we can "merge" the 2 data objects together using a JOIN. There are multiple ways to do a JOIN to learn more see http://stat545.com/bit001_dplyr-cheatsheet.html. For what we're wanting here, we'll do a LEFT JOIN to keep the data in our original stateLevels data object and only add the rows from state.regions that match up and ignore (not merge in) anything in state.regions that doesn't match up.

```
# load choroplethrMaps package
library(choroplethrMaps)

# get state names to go with the FIPS codes
# use data() function to load the data we
# want into the environment
data(state.regions)

# look at top of state.regions dataset
head(state.regions)
```

```
region abb fips.numeric fips.character
## 1
        alaska AK
                              2
                                            02
## 2
       alabama AL
                              1
                                            01
## 3
      arkansas AR
                              5
                                            05
## 4
       arizona AZ
                              4
                                            04
## 5 california CA
                              6
                                            06
## 6 colorado CO
                                            80
```

```
# rename STATE_CODE to match fips.numeric in
# the state.regions data object
stateLevels <- stateLevels %>%
  rename(fips.numeric = STATE_CODE)
head(stateLevels)
## # A tibble: 6 × 2
##
     fips.numeric meanLevel
##
            <int>
                      <dbl>
## 1
                1 616.7813
## 2
                4 733.0102
                5 2530.4443
## 3
## 4
                6 8810.5637
## 5
                8 1777.0288
## 6
                9 107.4497
# next let's merge (JOIN) this with our stateLevels
stateLevels2 <- left_join(stateLevels,</pre>
                            state.regions,
                            by="fips.numeric")
head(stateLevels2)
## # A tibble: 6 × 5
##
     fips.numeric meanLevel
                                           abb fips.character
                                  region
##
            <int>
                      <dbl>
                                   <chr> <chr>
                                                         <chr>>
## 1
                1 616.7813
                                                            01
                                 alabama
                                            ΑL
## 2
                4 733.0102
                                 arizona
                                            ΑZ
                                                            04
## 3
                5 2530.4443
                                arkansas
                                            AR
                                                            05
## 4
                6 8810.5637
                              california
                                            CA
                                                            06
## 5
                8 1777.0288
                                colorado
                                            CO
                                                            80
## 6
                9 107.4497 connecticut
                                            CT
                                                            09
```

Arranging (sorting) data and making a better table.

Another great verb from dplyr is arrange() which can be used to sort the dataset by the values in selected variables.

Let's make the table again using the State Names instead of the codes - but first we'll sort the dataset and print the table for the top 10.

```
stateLevels2 %>%
  arrange(desc(meanLevel)) %>%
  head()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 5
     fips.numeric meanLevel
                                   region
                                            abb fips.character
##
                      <dbl>
                                    <chr> <chr>
            <int>
                                                          <chr>>
                               california
## 1
                6 8810.564
                                             CA
                                                             06
## 2
                                                             53
               53 3669.994
                               washington
                                             WA
                                                             38
## 3
               38 3460.586 north dakota
                                             ND
## 4
               12 3204.236
                                  florida
                                             FL
                                                             12
## 5
               16 3152.640
                                    idaho
                                             ID
                                                             16
               31 2937.926
## 6
                                 nebraska
                                             NE
                                                             31
```

Using this approach, we'll append the knitr::kable() commands and make an updated table. We select the top 10 rows after the arrange() command by using the slice() command.

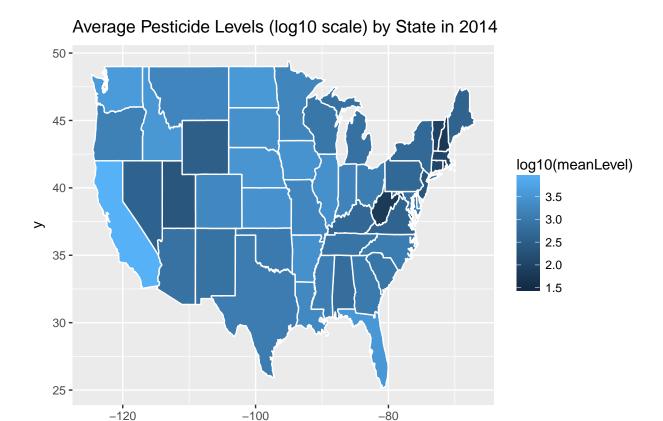
Table 2: Average Pesticide Levels - Top 10 States

State	Avg Pesticide Level
california	8810.564
washington	3669.994
north dakota	3460.586
florida	3204.236
idaho	3152.640
nebraska	2937.926
iowa	2747.428
kansas	2667.786
delaware	2639.379
south dakota	2547.502

Let's make a map of the Pesticide Levels by State

Now that we have the State abbreviations and names merged with the average pesticide levels, we can use these values to make a "Chlorpleth Map" where each State is colored according to the variable level we specify (in this case the average pesticide levels).

```
# to make a map of the US with ggplot2
# we need the map data("state")
states_map <- ggplot2::map_data("state")</pre>
## Attaching package: 'maps'
## The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':
##
##
       map
# qqplot layers to make the map
ggplot(stateLevels2, aes(map_id = region)) +
  geom_map(aes(fill = log10(meanLevel)),
           map = states_map,
           colour="white") +
  expand_limits(x = states_map$long,
                y = states_map$lat) +
  ggtitle("Average Pesticide Levels (log10 scale) by State in 2014 ")
```



Nested Data Structures

Many datasets have more than 1 measure for each "case or subject" in the dataset - in other words, the measurements are nested within the subjects (cases). Not only do we have more than 1 measurement per subject, we often take these measurements at multiple times (time nested within measurements nested within subjects). Sometimes the subjects themselves are nested within higher "structures" we are interested in such as subjects living within households or students in a classroom and those households are then nested within neighborhoods or classrooms within schools - or patients within units within hospitals, and so on... The possibilities are limitless.

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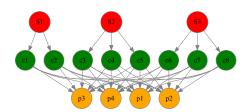
Thus, even we have "tidy" data, we want to change it around and restructure it so that we can access the data at the level we want. Often the level of measurement may change - for example, sometimes we may be interested in the patients as the level of outcome of interest and other we're interested in the hospital units as the level of interest.

The nested (or hierarchical) structure of the Pesticide Data

This Pesticide dataset is a very "long" (or "tall") dataset since this is a 3-level "nested" dataset where the 388 pesticide chemical measurements are "nested" -> within counties which are "nested" -> within states (which is within the United States).

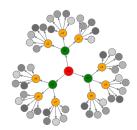
Example Nested Data Structure - DiagrammeR Graphic

The figure below was generated using a cool package called DiagrammeR, which you can learn more about at http://rich-iannone.github.io/DiagrammeR/index.html. The RED circles represent states (S1, S2, S3, ...); the GREEN circles represent the counties (c1, c2, c3, ...) and the ORANGE circles represent the pesticides (p1, p2, p3, ...).



Another fun graph to visualize this

The varying grey-shaded nodes represent the different pesticides.



Restructure Pesticides Data from "long" to "wide"

The primary functions we will explore here are spread() and gather() from the tidyr package.

So, what if wanted the 388 pesticides to each have their own column (i.e. separate variables for each pesticide level). In this case we are moving pesticide level from a row in the "avgEst" average estimate into it's own column.

We want to spread() the pesticides from rows out into columns - thus making the dataset "wider". To make this easier to see, let's just focus on Florida (STATE_CODE = 12) and let's just look at 3 pesticides: "Atrazine", "Glyphosate", and "Malathion".

This newly created dataset should have the number of rows equal to the counties who used Atrazine or Glyphosate or Malathion. The sum() statements below count the number of TRUE values for each condition. Check this again the dim() rows for the final dataset as a quick check. [The answer is 60 + 67 + 64 = 191.] Also, we will only keep the COMPOUND, COUNTY—CODE, and avgEst.

```
# number of Florida Counties who used Atrazine
sum(FL_subset$COMPOUND == "Atrazine")

## [1] 60
# number of Florida Counties who used Glyphosate
sum(FL_subset$COMPOUND == "Glyphosate")

## [1] 67
# number of Florida Counties who used Malathion
sum(FL_subset$COMPOUND == "Malathion")

## [1] 64

FL_3pest <- Pesticides %>%
    filter(STATE_CODE == 12) %>%
```

```
filter(COMPOUND %in% c("Atrazine",
                           "Glyphosate",
                           "Malathion")) %>%
  select(COMPOUND,
         COUNTY_CODE,
         avgEst)
dim(FL 3pest)
## [1] 191
head(FL 3pest)
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
     COMPOUND COUNTY_CODE avgEst
##
        <chr>
                     <int> <dbl>
## 1 Atrazine
                         1 3952.9
## 2 Atrazine
                         3 166.2
## 3 Atrazine
                         5
                               4.4
                            495.3
## 4 Atrazine
                         7
## 5 Atrazine
                         9
                            333.4
## 6 Atrazine
                        13
                           749.5
Next let's spread this dataset out. YOu need to specify the key which is what is being spread out - in this
case the COMPOUND and you need to specify which variable is being moved - in this case the value is avgEst
the average pesticide level (we are NOT moving the LOW ESTIMATE and HIGH ESTIMATE).
FL_3pest_wide <- FL_3pest %>%
  spread(key = COMPOUND,
         value = avgEst)
dim(FL_3pest_wide)
## [1] 67 4
head(FL_3pest_wide)
## # A tibble: 6 × 4
##
     COUNTY_CODE Atrazine Glyphosate Malathion
           <int>
##
                     <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                 <dbl>
## 1
               1
                    3952.9
                               6189.25
                                             31.4
## 2
               3
                     166.2
                                              3.0
                                309.55
               5
                                 23.85
                       4.4
                                              1.0
               7
## 4
                     495.3
                                519.00
                                              4.7
## 5
               9
                     333.4
                               4398.20
                                            159.5
```

We went from 191 rows and 3 columns (FL_3pest) with 1 row per county and pesticide compound to 67 rows and 4 columns (FL_3pest_wide) with 1 row per county and 1 column for each of the 3 compounds. NOTICE that we LOST the variables COMPOUND and avgEst. This new dataset is NOT tidy, but that is ok.

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Let's go back from "wide" to "long"

NA

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To go back to what we had before and go from a "wide" structure to a "long" structure, we can use the gather() function in the tidy package. This time the key is the new variable we're creating from the columns we're collapsing into rows. The value is the new variable we want to name the values were collecting

(i.e. avgEst). Then we have to list the column variables were collapsing - in this case the names of the 3 compounds.

NOTE: You'll notice when we run the dim() command we end up with 201 rows which is more than the 191 we started with originally. This is because not every pesticide was used/measured in every county. So, there are now MISSING (NAs) for the counties in which that particular pesticide was not measured or reported.

```
FL_3pest_long <- FL_3pest_wide %>%
  gather(key = COMPOUND,
         value = avgEst,
         Atrazine,
         Glyphosate,
         Malathion)
dim(FL 3pest long)
## [1] 201
head(FL 3pest long)
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##
     COUNTY_CODE COMPOUND avgEst
##
           <int>
                     <chr>
                           <dbl>
## 1
               1 Atrazine 3952.9
## 2
               3 Atrazine
                           166.2
## 3
               5 Atrazine
                              4.4
## 4
               7 Atrazine
                           495.3
## 5
               9 Atrazine
                            333.4
## 6
              11 Atrazine
                               NΑ
```

Check environment again at end

Run sessionInfo() and ls() again to check your current session environment and objects loaded.

sessionInfo()

```
## R version 3.3.2 (2016-10-31)
## Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
## Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 14393)
##
## locale:
## [1] LC_COLLATE=English_United States.1252
## [2] LC_CTYPE=English_United States.1252
## [3] LC_MONETARY=English_United States.1252
## [4] LC_NUMERIC=C
## [5] LC_TIME=English_United States.1252
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats
                 graphics grDevices utils
                                               datasets methods
                                                                    base
##
## other attached packages:
  [1] DiagrammeR_0.9.0
                            maps_3.1.1
                                                choroplethrMaps_1.0
##
  [4] dplyr_0.5.0
                                                readr_1.0.0
##
                            purrr_0.2.2.9000
  [7] tidyr 0.6.0
                            tibble 1.2-12
                                                ggplot2_2.2.0
## [10] tidyverse_1.0.0
##
```

```
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
   [1] Rcpp_0.12.8
                           RColorBrewer_1.1-2 influenceR_0.1.0
##
   [4] plyr_1.8.4
                           highr 0.6
                                               viridis 0.3.4
## [7] tools_3.3.2
                           digest_0.6.10
                                               jsonlite_1.1
## [10] evaluate_0.10
                           gtable_0.2.0
                                               rgexf_0.15.3
## [13] igraph_1.0.1
                           rstudioapi_0.6
                                               DBI 0.5
## [16] yaml 2.1.14
                           gridExtra 2.2.1
                                               stringr 1.1.0
## [19] knitr_1.15.1
                           htmlwidgets_0.8
                                               webshot_0.3.2.9001
## [22] rprojroot_1.1
                           grid_3.3.2
                                               R6_2.1.3
## [25] Rook_1.1-1
                           XML_3.98-1.4
                                               rmarkdown_1.3
## [28] magrittr_1.5
                           backports_1.0.4
                                               scales_0.4.1
## [31] htmltools_0.3.5
                           assertthat_0.1
                                               colorspace_1.2-6
## [34] brew_1.0-6
                           labeling_0.3
                                               stringi_1.1.2
## [37] visNetwork_1.0.3
                           lazyeval_0.2.0
                                               munsell_0.4.3
ls()
    [1] "ag_dict"
                            "FL_3pest"
                                               "FL_3pest_long"
##
    [4] "FL_3pest_wide"
                            "FL_Atrazine"
                                               "FL_Atrazine_new"
##
    [7] "FL_subset"
                            "pesticide_subset"
                                               "Pesticides"
## [10] "state.regions"
                            "stateLevels"
                                               "stateLevels2"
## [13] "states_map"
```