Data Transformation

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1 Introduction

Today we'll continue with exploratory data analysis, focusing on **data transformation** using the dplyr package.

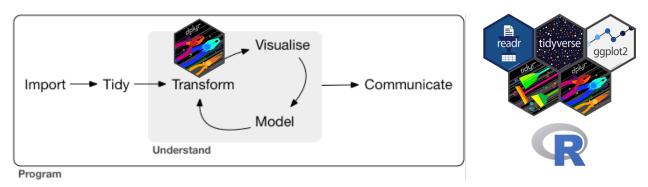


Figure 1: Data transformation (adapted from R4DS Chapter 1).

Let's load the tidyverse packages.

library(tidyverse)

Recall the diamonds dataset.

diamonds

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 10
##
      carat cut
                        color clarity depth table price
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                        <ord> <ord>
                                       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
##
       0.23 Ideal
                              SI2
                                        61.5
                                                 55
                                                           3.95
                                                                  3.98
                                                                        2.43
      0.21 Premium
                       Ε
                                        59.8
                                                           3.89
##
                              SI1
                                                 61
                                                      326
                                                                  3.84
                                                                        2.31
       0.23 Good
                       Ε
                              VS1
                                        56.9
                                                 65
                                                      327
                                                           4.05
                                                                  4.07
                                                                        2.31
    4 0.29 Premium
                        Ι
                              VS2
                                        62.4
                                                           4.2
                                                                  4.23
##
                                                58
                                                      334
                                                                        2.63
##
       0.31 Good
                              SI2
                                        63.3
                                                58
                                                      335
                                                           4.34
                                                                  4.35
                                                                        2.75
    6 0.24 Very Good J
                                        62.8
                                                57
##
                              VVS2
                                                      336
                                                           3.94
                                                                  3.96
                                                                        2.48
       0.24 Very Good I
                              VVS1
                                        62.3
                                                57
                                                      336
                                                           3.95
                                                                  3.98
                                                                        2.47
       0.26 Very Good H
                                        61.9
                                                55
                                                      337
                                                           4.07
                                                                  4.11
                                                                        2.53
##
                              SI1
```

```
9 0.22 Fair
                             VS2
                                      65.1
                                                    337
                                                         3.87
                                                               3.78
                                              61
## 10 0.23 Very Good H
                             VS1
                                      59.4
                                                   338
                                                         4
                                                               4.05
                                                                    2.39
                                              61
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

In addition to plotting these data, we might want to explore them by transforming them in various ways:

- Choose a subset of observations (rows) based on various criteria (filter()).
- Choose a subset of variables (columns) by their names or other criteria (select()).
- Reorder the rows (arrange()).
- Create new variables as functions of existing variables (mutate()).
- Collapse many values down to a single summary (summarize()).

These five core functions provide the verbs for a language of data manipulation. They functions can be strung together in sequences using the pipe operator (|>). The dplyr verbs can be used with the .by argument, which changes the scope of each function from operating on the entire dataset to operating on it group-by-group.

2 Isolating data

2.1 filter()

A filter operation subsets the observations (rows) of the data based on a certain logical condition:

```
# subset to diamonds with price at least $10,000
filter(diamonds, price >= 10000)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5,223 x 10
##
      carat cut
                       color clarity depth table price
                                                               X
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                       <ord> <ord>
                                       <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
                                                                 <dbl>
                                                           7.25
       1.51 Good
                              VS2
                                                                  7.19
##
                       Η
                                        64
                                                59 10000
                                                                        4.62
    1
##
    2
       1.7
            Ideal
                       J
                              VS2
                                        60.5
                                                58 10002
                                                           7.73
                                                                  7.74
##
    3
       1.03 Ideal
                       Ε
                              VVS2
                                        60.6
                                                59 10003
                                                           6.5
                                                                  6.53
                                                                        3.95
##
    4
       1.23 Very Good G
                              VVS2
                                        60.6
                                                55 10004
                                                           6.93
                                                                  7.02
##
    5
       1.25 Ideal
                       F
                              VS2
                                                55 10006
                                                           6.93
                                                                  6.96
                                                                        4.28
                                        61.6
       2.01 Very Good I
                                                63 10009
                                                                  7.96
                                                                        4.96
##
    6
                              SI2
                                        61.4
                                                           8.19
                              VS1
##
       1.21 Very Good F
                                        62.3
                                                58 10009
                                                           6.76
                                                                  6.85
                                                                        4.24
    7
       1.51 Premium
##
                       Τ
                              VS2
                                        59.9
                                                60 10010
                                                           7.42
                                                                  7.36
                                                                        4.43
##
    9
       1.01 Fair
                       D
                              SI2
                                        64.6
                                                           6.25
                                                                  6.2
                                                                        4.02
                                                58 10011
## 10
       1.05 Ideal
                       F
                              VVS2
                                        60.5
                                                55 10011
                                                          6.67
                                                                  6.58
                                                                        4.01
## # i 5,213 more rows
```

Commonly used **comparison operators** are == (equal), != (not equal), <= (less than or equal), < (less than), >= (greater than or equal), > (greater than), %in% (in). Note that %in% is usually employed to check whether a categorical variable belongs to a set of values, e.g. cut %in% c("Very Good", "Ideal").

Logical conditions can be combined using **boolean** operators, including & (and), \mid (or), and \mid (not). For example:

```
# subset to diamonds with price at least $10,000 AND clarity VVS1 or IF
filter(diamonds, price >= 10000 & clarity %in% c("VVS1", "IF"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 415 x 10
##
      carat cut
                       color clarity depth table price
                                                                    V
##
                       <ord> <ord>
                                       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
      <dbl> <ord>
##
       1.01 Very Good F
                              VVS1
                                       62.9
                                                57 10019
                                                           6.35
                                                                 6.41
                                                                        4.01
##
    2
       1.02 Very Good E
                              IF
                                       61.7
                                                60 10029
                                                           6.38
                                                                 6.52
                                                                        3.98
##
    3
       1.03 Very Good F
                              IF
                                       62.8
                                                57 10032
                                                           6.4
                                                                 6.47
                                                                        4.04
##
            Very Good F
                              IF
                                       63.2
                                                63 10046
                                                          6.26
                                                                 6.24
                                                                        3.95
    4
       1
```

```
1.11 Ideal
                               IF
                                         61.2
                                                 54 10053
                                                            6.71
                                                                   6.73
##
##
    6
             Tdeal
                        F
                                                 53 10058
       1
                               VVS1
                                         62.3
                                                            6.37
                                                                   6.43
                                                                          3.99
                                         61.3
                                                 58 10065
##
    7
       1.09 Premium
                        G
                               IF
                                                             6.64
                                                                   6.6
                                                                          4.06
##
       1.11 Very Good F
                               VVS1
                                         62.5
                                                 59 10069
                                                             6.59
                                                                   6.63
                                                                          4.13
##
    9
       1.16 Ideal
                        G
                               IF
                                         62.3
                                                 55 10082
                                                             6.79
                                                                   6.73
                                                                          4.21
## 10 1.16 Ideal
                        G
                               IF
                                         62
                                                 57 10082
                                                            6.73
                                                                   6.7
                                                                          4.16
## # i 405 more rows
```

Exercise: Filter diamonds to those with ideal cut and at least 3 carats. How many such diamonds are there?

2.2 select()

A select operation subsets the columns of the data, for example based on their names:

```
# select columns corresponding to the "4 C's"
select(diamonds, carat, cut, color, clarity)
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 4
##
                       color clarity
      carat cut
##
                       <ord> <ord>
      <dbl> <ord>
##
    1
       0.23 Ideal
                       Ε
                              SI2
##
    2
       0.21 Premium
                       Ε
                              SI1
       0.23 Good
                       Ε
                              VS1
##
##
    4 0.29 Premium
                       Ι
                              VS2
       0.31 Good
                       J
##
    5
                              SI2
##
    6
       0.24 Very Good J
                              VVS2
##
    7
       0.24 Very Good I
                              VVS1
##
    8
       0.26 Very Good H
                              SI1
##
    9
       0.22 Fair
                       E
                              VS2
## 10 0.23 Very Good H
                              VS1
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

The select() function comes with helper functions, such as the following:

- - selects all columns except the given ones, e.g. select(diamonds, -carat)
- : selects columns between the given ones, e.g. select(diamonds, carat:clarity)
- contains selects columns containing a given string, e.g. select(diamonds, contains("c"))
- starts_with selects columns starting with a given string, e.g. select(diamonds, starts_with("c"))
- ends_with selects columns ending with a given string, e.g. select(diamonds, ends_with("t"))
- where selects columns based on their type, e.g. where (is.numeric) selects all numeric columns

Exercise: Select all columns except x, y, z.

2.3 arrange()

An arrange operation sorts the rows of the data frame according to one of its variables:

```
arrange(diamonds, carat) # sort diamonds by carat (ascending)
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 10
##
      carat cut
                        color clarity depth table price
                                                                X
                                                                      у
                                                                             z
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                        <ord> <ord>
                                       <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
                                                                  <dbl> <dbl>
##
    1
        0.2 Premium
                        Ε
                               SI2
                                        60.2
                                                 62
                                                       345
                                                            3.79
                                                                   3.75
                                                                          2.27
    2
        0.2 Premium
                        Ε
                              VS2
                                        59.8
                                                            3.79
##
                                                 62
                                                       367
                                                                   3.77
                                                                          2.26
##
    3
        0.2 Premium
                        Ε
                               VS2
                                        59
                                                 60
                                                            3.81
                                                                   3.78
                                                                          2.24
                                                       367
##
    4
        0.2 Premium
                        Ε
                              VS2
                                        61.1
                                                 59
                                                       367
                                                            3.81
                                                                   3.78
                                                                          2.32
##
    5
        0.2 Premium
                        Ε
                              VS2
                                        59.7
                                                 62
                                                                   3.8
                                                                          2.28
                                                       367
                                                            3.84
##
    6
        0.2 Ideal
                        Ε
                              VS2
                                        59.7
                                                 55
                                                       367
                                                            3.86
                                                                   3.84
                                                                         2.3
```

```
##
        0.2 Premium
                              VS2
                                        62.6
                                                 59
                                                           3.73
                                                                  3.71
##
        0.2 Ideal
    8
                       D
                              VS2
                                        61.5
                                                 57
                                                      367
                                                           3.81
                                                                  3.77
                                                                         2.33
        0.2 Very Good E
                              VS2
                                        63.4
                                                           3.74
                                                                  3.71
                                                                         2.36
        0.2 Ideal
                              VS2
                                        62.2
                                                      367
                                                           3.76
                                                                  3.73
                                                                         2.33
## 10
                       Ε
                                                 57
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

arrange(diamonds, desc(carat)) # sort diamonds by carat (descending)

```
# A tibble: 53,940 x 10
##
      carat cut
                       color clarity depth table price
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                       <ord> <ord>
                                      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
   1 5.01 Fair
                                               59 18018 10.7
##
                       .T
                             Ι1
                                       65.5
                                                               10.5
##
    2 4.5 Fair
                                       65.8
                                               58 18531 10.2
                                                               10.2
                       J
                             Ι1
    3 4.13 Fair
                                       64.8
                                               61 17329 10
                                                                      6.43
##
                       Η
                             Ι1
                                                                9.85
##
    4
       4.01 Premium
                       Ι
                             Ι1
                                       61
                                               61 15223 10.1
                                                               10.1
   5 4.01 Premium
                                       62.5
##
                       J
                             Ι1
                                               62 15223 10.0
                                                                9.94
                                                                      6.24
##
   6 4
            Very Good I
                             Ι1
                                       63.3
                                               58 15984 10.0
                                                                9.94
##
   7 3.67 Premium
                       Ι
                             Ι1
                                       62.4
                                               56 16193
                                                          9.86
                                                                9.81
                                                                      6.13
       3.65 Fair
                       Η
                             Ι1
                                       67.1
                                               53 11668
                                                          9.53
                                                                9.48
                                                                       6.38
  9 3.51 Premium
                             VS2
##
                                       62.5
                                                          9.66
                                                                9.63
                                                                      6.03
                       J
                                               59 18701
## 10 3.5 Ideal
                       Η
                             Ι1
                                       62.8
                                               57 12587
                                                         9.65
                                                                9.59
                                                                      6.03
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

Exercise: Arrange diamonds in decreasing order of their length. How long is the longest diamond?

3 Deriving information

3.1 mutate()

A mutate operation adds another column as a function of existing columns:

```
# add column that is the price per carat of each diamond
mutate(diamonds, price_per_carat = price / carat)
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 11
##
      carat cut
                  color clarity depth table price
                                                                     z price_per_carat
                                                         х
                                                               у
##
      <dbl> <ord> <ord> <ord>
                                 <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                                                                 <dbl>
                                                                                  <dbl>
    1 0.23 Ideal E
##
                         SI2
                                   61.5
                                           55
                                                326
                                                     3.95
                                                            3.98
                                                                  2.43
                                                                                  1417.
    2 0.21 Prem~ E
                                   59.8
                                                326
                                                     3.89
                                                            3.84
                                                                  2.31
##
                         SI1
                                           61
                                                                                  1552.
##
   3 0.23 Good E
                         VS1
                                  56.9
                                           65
                                                327
                                                     4.05
                                                            4.07
                                                                  2.31
                                                                                  1422.
##
   4 0.29 Prem~ I
                         VS2
                                                     4.2
                                                            4.23
                                                                  2.63
                                   62.4
                                           58
                                                334
                                                                                  1152.
                                                                  2.75
##
   5 0.31 Good
                         SI2
                                   63.3
                                           58
                                                335
                                                     4.34
                                                            4.35
                                                                                  1081.
                         VVS2
##
    6 0.24 Very~ J
                                   62.8
                                           57
                                                336
                                                     3.94
                                                            3.96
                                                                  2.48
                                                                                  1400
##
                         VVS1
   7
                                   62.3
                                           57
                                                336
                                                     3.95
                                                            3.98
                                                                                  1400
      0.24 Very~ I
                                                                  2.47
   8 0.26 Very~ H
                         SI1
                                   61.9
                                           55
                                                337
                                                     4.07
                                                            4.11
                                                                  2.53
                                                                                  1296.
    9 0.22 Fair
                         VS2
                                                     3.87
                                                                  2.49
##
                                   65.1
                                           61
                                                337
                                                            3.78
                                                                                  1532.
## 10 0.23 Very~ H
                         VS1
                                   59.4
                                                338
                                                     4
                                                            4.05 2.39
                                                                                  1470.
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

Some useful functions to use with mutate are arithmetic operators $(+, -, *, /, ^)$ or logical comparisons (<, <-, >, >=, !=). For example,

```
# add column that indicates whether a diamond's price per carat is at least $10k
mutate(diamonds, fancy_diamond = price / carat > 10000)
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 11
## carat cut color clarity depth table price x y z fancy_diamond
```

```
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                    <ord> <ord>
                                  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
##
   1 0.23 Ideal
                          ST2
                                           55
                                                326 3.95 3.98 2.43 FALSE
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                                   61.5
##
   2 0.21 Premium E
                          SI1
                                   59.8
                                                326 3.89 3.84 2.31 FALSE
##
   3 0.23 Good
                   Ε
                          VS1
                                   56.9
                                           65
                                                327 4.05 4.07 2.31 FALSE
##
   4 0.29 Premium I
                          VS2
                                   62.4
                                           58
                                                334 4.2
                                                           4.23
                                                                 2.63 FALSE
##
   5 0.31 Good
                          SI2
                                   63.3
                                           58
                                                335 4.34 4.35
                                                                2.75 FALSE
                    .J
##
   6 0.24 Very G~ J
                          VVS2
                                   62.8
                                           57
                                                336 3.94 3.96 2.48 FALSE
##
   7
      0.24 Very G~ I
                          VVS1
                                   62.3
                                           57
                                                336 3.95
                                                           3.98 2.47 FALSE
##
   8
      0.26 Very G~ H
                          SI1
                                   61.9
                                           55
                                                337 4.07
                                                           4.11
                                                                 2.53 FALSE
## 9 0.22 Fair
                    Ε
                          VS2
                                   65.1
                                           61
                                                337 3.87
                                                           3.78 2.49 FALSE
## 10 0.23 Very G~ H
                          VS1
                                   59.4
                                           61
                                                338 4
                                                           4.05 2.39 FALSE
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

Note that fancy_diamond is a logical variable.

Complex combinations of existing variable can be obtained with mutate() via if_else() and case_when(). For example:

```
# use if_else() if you have two cases
mutate(diamonds,
  good_value =
    if_else(
      condition = carat > 2, # check whether carat > 2
      true = price < 5000, # if so, good value if cheaper than $5k
      false = price < 1000 # if not, good value if cheaper than $1k
    )
)</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 11
##
      carat cut
                      color clarity depth table price
                                                            Х
                                                                        z good value
                                                                  V
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                      <ord> <ord>
                                     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
##
    1 0.23 Ideal
                      Ε
                             SI2
                                      61.5
                                              55
                                                   326
                                                        3.95
                                                               3.98
                                                                     2.43 TRUE
##
   2 0.21 Premium
                      Ε
                             SI1
                                      59.8
                                              61
                                                   326
                                                        3.89
                                                               3.84
                                                                    2.31 TRUE
##
   3 0.23 Good
                             VS1
                                      56.9
                                              65
                                                   327
                                                         4.05
                                                               4.07
                                                                    2.31 TRUE
                      F.
                             VS2
##
   4 0.29 Premium
                      Ι
                                      62.4
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                                                               4.23
                                                                    2.63 TRUE
                                              58
##
   5 0.31 Good
                      J
                            SI2
                                      63.3
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                                                               4.35
                                                                     2.75 TRUE
                            VVS2
##
   6 0.24 Very Good J
                                      62.8
                                              57
                                                   336
                                                        3.94
                                                               3.96
                                                                    2.48 TRUE
   7 0.24 Very Good I
                             VVS1
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                                              57
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                                                        3.95
                                                               3.98
                                                                     2.47 TRUE
   8 0.26 Very Good H
                             SI1
                                      61.9
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                                                   337
                                                         4.07
                                                               4.11
                                                                     2.53 TRUE
##
## 9 0.22 Fair
                      Ε
                             VS2
                                      65.1
                                              61
                                                   337
                                                         3.87
                                                               3.78
                                                                     2.49 TRUE
## 10 0.23 Very Good H
                             VS1
                                      59.4
                                              61
                                                   338
                                                        4
                                                               4.05
                                                                    2.39 TRUE
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 11
##
      carat cut
                      color clarity depth table price
                                                           Х
                                                                 у
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                      <ord> <ord>
                                    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dr>
## 1 0.23 Ideal
                            SI2
                                      61.5
                                              55
                                                   326 3.95 3.98 2.43 bad
                      F.
```

```
##
    2 0.21 Premium
                             SI1
                                      59.8
                                               61
                                                    326
                                                         3.89
                                                                3.84 2.31 bad
##
    3 0.23 Good
                      F.
                             VS1
                                      56.9
                                               65
                                                    327
                                                         4.05
                                                                4.07
                                                                      2.31 bad
                                      62.4
                                                                4.23
##
   4 0.29 Premium
                      Ι
                             VS2
                                               58
                                                    334
                                                         4.2
                                                                      2.63 bad
##
   5 0.31 Good
                       Т
                             SI2
                                      63.3
                                                    335
                                                         4.34
                                                                4.35
                                                                      2.75 bad
                                               58
##
       0.24 Very Good J
                             VVS2
                                      62.8
                                               57
                                                    336
                                                         3.94
                                                                3.96
                                                                      2.48 bad
      0.24 Very Good I
                                      62.3
##
   7
                             VVS1
                                               57
                                                    336
                                                         3.95
                                                                3.98
                                                                      2.47 bad
      0.26 Very Good H
                             SI1
                                      61.9
                                               55
                                                         4.07
                                                                4.11
                                                                      2.53 bad
##
   9
       0.22 Fair
                             VS2
                                      65.1
                                               61
                                                    337
                                                         3.87
                                                                3.78
                                                                      2.49 bad
## 10 0.23 Very Good H
                             VS1
                                      59.4
                                               61
                                                    338
                                                         4
                                                                4.05
                                                                      2.39 bad
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

Exercise: Add a variable called good_color that is TRUE if the color is D, E, F, G and FALSE otherwise.

3.2 summarize()

A summarize operation calculates summary statistics combining all rows of the data:

```
# find the number of "fancy" diamonds (price per carat at least $10000),
summarize(diamonds, num_fancy_diamonds = sum(price / carat > 10000))

## # A tibble: 1 x 1
## num_fancy_diamonds
## <int>
## 1 617
```

Useful summary functions are sum(), mean(), median(), min() max() var(), sd() for numeric variables and any(), all(), sum(), mean() for logical variables. The function n() takes no arguments and calculates the number of observations (rows) in the data.

More than one summary can be extracted in a single call to summarize():

Exercise: Use summarize to determine if there are any diamonds of at least one carat that cost less that \$1000.

4 More complex transformations

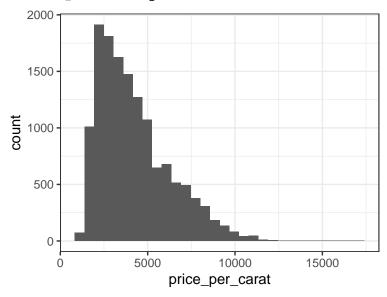
4.1 The pipe (|>)

When stringing together multiple dplyr verbs, the pipe |> is extremely useful. The pipe passes the quantity on its left-hand side to the first argument of the function on the right hand side: x |> f(y) is translated to f(x,y). The first argument of all dplyr verbs is the data, so the pipe allows us to apply several operations to the data in sequence. For example:

```
## # A tibble: 13,791 x 11
##
                   color clarity depth table price
      carat cut
                                                                       z price_per_carat
                                                          х
      <dbl> <ord> <ord> <ord>
##
                                  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                                                                                     <dbl>
                                            58 18279
                                                                                   17083.
##
       1.07 Prem~ D
                          IF
                                    60.9
                                                       6.67
                                                              6.57
                                                                    4.03
    1
##
       1.01 Prem~ D
                          IF
                                    61.6
                                            56 16234
                                                       6.46
                                                              6.43
                                                                    3.97
                                                                                   16073.
       1.02 Prem~ D
                          IF
                                    61.5
                                            60 15370
                                                       6.52
                                                             6.45
                                                                    3.99
                                                                                   15069.
##
       1.04 Prem~ D
                          IF
                                    60.6
                                                                                   15068.
##
                                            56 15671
                                                       6.6
                                                              6.54
                                                                    3.98
##
    5
       1.02 Prem~ D
                          IF
                                    61.5
                                            60 15231
                                                       6.45
                                                              6.52
                                                                    3.99
                                                                                   14932.
##
    6
       1.21 Prem~ D
                          VVS1
                                    60.1
                                            59 17192
                                                       6.96
                                                              6.88
                                                                    4.16
                                                                                   14208.
                          VVS1
                                    62.8
                                                              6.95
##
    7
       1.31 Prem~ D
                                            55 17496
                                                       7.01
                                                                    4.38
                                                                                   13356.
       1.34 Prem~ E
                          IF
                                    61.8
                                            58 17663
                                                       7.15
                                                              7.08
                                                                    4.4
                                                                                   13181.
       1.2 Prem~ D
                          VVS1
                                    62.1
                                            59 15686
                                                       0
                                                              0
                                                                                   13072.
##
    9
                                            59 15806
                                                       7.1
## 10
       1.28 Prem~ E
                          IF
                                    59.8
                                                              7.07
                                                                    4.24
                                                                                   12348.
## # i 13,781 more rows
```

The pipe can be used to pass data between different tidyverse packages, e.g. from dplyr to ggplot2:





Exercise: Compute the mean price for diamonds of volume at least one carat.

NOTE: The original pipe operator was written %>% and was built into the magrittr R package. Since R version 4.1, there is a pipe operator |> built into base R. In this class, we will use the base pipe |>. Read more about the pipe here.

4.2 Grouped transformations

Sometimes we'd like to apply transformations to groups of observations based on categorical variables in our data. For example, suppose we'd like to know the maximum diamond price for each value of cut. We can do this using the .by argument to summarize():

```
diamonds |>
                                                    # pipe in the data
  summarize(max_price = max(price), .by = cut)
                                                    # find the max price per cut
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
               {\tt max\_price}
##
     cut
##
     <ord>
                    <int>
## 1 Ideal
                    18806
## 2 Premium
                    18823
## 3 Good
                    18788
## 4 Very Good
                    18818
## 5 Fair
                    18574
We can group by multiple characteristics, e.g.:
diamonds |>
                                           # pipe in the data
  summarize(max_price = max(price),
                                           # find the max price
             .by = c(cut, clarity))
                                           # for each combination of cut & clarity
## # A tibble: 40 x 3
##
                 clarity max_price
      cut
##
      <ord>
                 <ord>
                              <int>
##
    1 Ideal
                 SI2
                              18804
    2 Premium
                              18797
                 SI1
    3 Good
##
                 VS1
                              18340
    4 Premium
##
                 VS2
                              18823
##
    5 Good
                 SI2
                              18788
    6 Very Good VVS2
                              18211
    7 Very Good VVS1
##
                              18777
##
    8 Very Good SI1
                              18818
   9 Fair
                 VS2
                              18565
## 10 Very Good VS1
                              18500
## # i 30 more rows
```

While summarize() is the most common verb paired with .by, filter() and mutate() verbs can be paired with .by as well, which is useful when grouped summaries are involved. Consider the following example, with filter():

```
diamonds |>
  filter(price > mean(price), .by = cut)
```

```
## # A tibble: 19,166 x 10
##
      carat cut
                  color clarity depth table price
                                                       Х
##
      <dbl> <ord> <ord> <ord>
                                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
##
   1 1.02 Ideal G
                                 61.2
                                             3459
                                                    6.47
                                                          6.5
                                                                3.97
                        I1
                                          56
   2 0.73 Ideal G
                        VS1
                                  60.9
                                          59
                                              3459
                                                    5.79
                                                          5.83
                                                                3.54
   3 1.03 Ideal F
                                 62.6
##
                        SI2
                                          57
                                              3461
                                                    6.44
                                                          6.4
                                                                4.02
      1.06 Ideal F
                                  62.7
                                              3461
##
                        SI2
                                          56
                                                    6.52
                                                          6.47
                                                                4.07
##
   5 0.96 Ideal I
                        VS2
                                 59.8
                                          57
                                              3462
                                                   6.42
                                                          6.39
                                                                3.83
##
   6 0.75 Ideal E
                        VS1
                                  62
                                          55
                                              3462
                                                   5.83
                                                          5.88
                                                                3.66
   7
       0.74 Ideal G
                                 62.2
                                                    5.75
                                                          5.79
##
                        VVS2
                                          57
                                              3462
                                                                3.59
##
   8 0.73 Ideal F
                        VVS2
                                 61.7
                                          54
                                              3463
                                                    5.82
                                                          5.76
                                                                3.57
##
  9 0.73 Ideal H
                        VVS2
                                              3463 5.8
                                                          5.82 3.57
                                  61.6
                                          56
## 10 0.73 Ideal D
                        VS2
                                  61.6
                                          56
                                             3464 5.78 5.82 3.57
## # i 19,156 more rows
```

Exercise: What does the above code do?

A common type of grouped summary is to tabulate the number of values of a categorical variable. A shortcut for this is the count() function, e.g.:

```
count(diamonds, cut)
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
```

```
## cut n
## <ord> <int>
## 1 Fair 1610
## 2 Good 4906
## 3 Very Good 12082
## 4 Premium 13791
## 5 Ideal 21551
```

Exercise: Reproduce the output of count(diamonds, cut) via summarize().

NOTE: Until recently, the preferred way to carry out grouped operations was via group_by(). For example:

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##
     cut
               max_price
##
     <ord>
                    <int>
## 1 Fair
                    18574
## 2 Good
                    18788
## 3 Very Good
                    18818
## 4 Premium
                    18823
## 5 Ideal
                    18806
```

Since dplyr version 1.1.0, the .by argument to dplyr verbs provides a more convenient way to carry out group operations. For more, see here.

4.3 Storing the transformed data

Note that applying various functions to diamonds does not actually change the data itself. We can check that, after all those operations, diamonds is still the same as it was in the beginning:

diamonds

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 10
##
      carat cut
                       color clarity depth table price
                                                             х
                                                                          7.
                                                                    y
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                       <ord> <ord>
                                      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
##
      0.23 Ideal
                       Ε
                             SI2
                                       61.5
                                               55
                                                     326
                                                          3.95
                                                                3.98
                                                                       2.43
    1
                                       59.8
##
   2 0.21 Premium
                       Ε
                             SI1
                                               61
                                                     326
                                                          3.89
                                                                3.84
                                                                       2.31
##
   3 0.23 Good
                       Ε
                             VS1
                                       56.9
                                               65
                                                     327
                                                          4.05
                                                                4.07
                                                                       2.31
##
   4 0.29 Premium
                       Ι
                             VS2
                                       62.4
                                               58
                                                     334
                                                          4.2
                                                                 4.23
                                                                       2.63
##
   5 0.31 Good
                       J
                             SI2
                                       63.3
                                               58
                                                     335
                                                          4.34
                                                                4.35
                                                                       2 75
##
   6 0.24 Very Good J
                             VVS2
                                       62.8
                                               57
                                                     336
                                                          3.94
                                                                3.96
                                                                       2.48
   7
      0.24 Very Good I
                             VVS1
                                       62.3
                                               57
                                                                3.98
                                                                       2.47
##
                                                     336
                                                          3.95
##
    8 0.26 Very Good H
                             SI1
                                       61.9
                                               55
                                                     337
                                                          4.07
                                                                4.11
                                                                       2.53
                             VS2
##
   9 0.22 Fair
                       Ε
                                       65.1
                                               61
                                                     337
                                                          3.87
                                                                3.78
                                                                       2.49
## 10 0.23 Very Good H
                             VS1
                                       59.4
                                               61
                                                     338
                                                          4
                                                                 4.05
                                                                       2.39
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

If we want to save the transformed data, we have the use the assignment operator, <-:

```
max_prices <- diamonds |>
                                                 # pipe in the data
  summarize(max_price = max(price), .by = cut) # find the max price per cut
max_prices
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##
     cut
               max_price
##
     <ord>
                   <int>
## 1 Ideal
                   18806
## 2 Premium
                   18823
## 3 Good
                   18788
## 4 Very Good
                   18818
## 5 Fair
                   18574
```

5 Applying the same operation across multiple variables (across())

In this section, we will learn how to either summarize(), mutate(), or filter() based on several columns at the same time.

5.1 summarize() based on many columns

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Suppose we want to find the median value for each numeric variable in diamonds. Here is one way we could do this with summarize():

```
diamonds |>
   summarize(
    carat = median(carat),
    depth = median(depth),
    table = median(table),
    price = median(price),
    x = median(x),
    y = median(y),
    z = median(z)
)

## # A tibble: 1 x 7

## carat depth table price x y z

## <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> </dbl>
```

However, it is best to avoid copying and pasting code. The across() function allows us to summarize several variable in the same way:

5.7 5.71 3.53

To clean this code up even further, we can use the fact that the .cols argument is compatible with the select() helper functions we discussed before. In this case, to select all numeric columns we can use where():

5.2 mutate() based on many columns

Now, suppose we want to mutate, rather than summarize, several columns. Suppose we want to compute the square of each numeric column. For this, we can use across() again, except we have to define our own function to pass to .fns, which takes as input a numeric value x and outputs its square:

```
diamonds |>
  mutate(across(.cols = where(is.numeric), .fns = function(x) (x * x)))
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 10
##
       carat cut
                        color clarity depth table
                                                    price
                                                              х
                                                                     У
                        <ord> <ord>
##
       <dbl> <ord>
                                      <dbl> <dbl>
                                                    <int> <dbl> <dbl>
    1 0.0529 Ideal
                              SI2
                                      3782.
                                             3025 106276
                                                           15.6
                                                                  15.8
                        Ε
    2 0.0441 Premium
                                              3721 106276
                                                                  14.7
##
                        Ε
                              SI1
                                      3576.
                                                           15.1
##
    3 0.0529 Good
                        Ε
                              VS1
                                      3238.
                                              4225 106929
                                                           16.4
                                                                 16.6
##
    4 0.0841 Premium
                                      3894.
                                              3364 111556
                                                           17.6
                                                                 17.9
                                                                        6.92
                        Τ
                              VS2
##
    5 0.0961 Good
                        J
                              SI2
                                      4007.
                                             3364 112225
                                                           18.8
                                                                 18.9
                                                                        7.56
    6 0.0576 Very Good J
                              VVS2
                                      3944.
                                              3249 112896
                                                           15.5
##
                                                                 15.7
                                                                        6.15
##
    7 0.0576 Very Good I
                              VVS1
                                      3881.
                                             3249 112896
                                                           15.6
                                                                 15.8
                                                                        6.10
   8 0.0676 Very Good H
                              SI1
                                      3832.
                                             3025 113569
                                                           16.6
                                                                 16.9
                                                                       6.40
   9 0.0484 Fair
                              VS2
                                      4238.
                                              3721 113569
                                                           15.0
                                                                 14.3 6.20
## 10 0.0529 Very Good H
                              VS1
                                      3528.
                                             3721 114244
                                                           16
                                                                  16.4 5.71
## # i 53,930 more rows
```

If we want to keep the original variables while computing their absolute values, we also need to specify the .names argument of across(), which specifies how to name each newly created column:

```
diamonds |>
  mutate(
    across(
        .cols = where(is.numeric),
        .fns = function(x)(x * x),
        .names = "{.col}_square"
    )
)
```

```
## # A tibble: 53,940 x 17
##
      carat cut
                      color clarity depth table price
                                                                           z carat_square
                                                              х
                                                                     У
      <dbl> <ord>
                       <ord> <ord>
                                      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
##
                                                                                     <dbl>
                             SI2
##
    1
      0.23 Ideal
                      Ε
                                       61.5
                                                55
                                                     326
                                                          3.95
                                                                 3.98
                                                                        2.43
                                                                                    0.0529
    2
       0.21 Premium
                             SI1
                                       59.8
                                                61
                                                     326
                                                          3.89
                                                                 3.84
                                                                        2.31
                                                                                    0.0441
##
                      Ε
##
    3
       0.23 Good
                      Ε
                             VS1
                                       56.9
                                                65
                                                     327
                                                           4.05
                                                                 4.07
                                                                        2.31
                                                                                    0.0529
##
       0.29 Premium
                      Ι
                             VS2
                                       62.4
                                                58
                                                     334
                                                          4.2
                                                                 4.23
                                                                        2.63
                                                                                    0.0841
##
       0.31 Good
                       J
                             SI2
                                       63.3
                                                     335
                                                          4.34
                                                                 4.35
                                                                        2.75
                                                                                    0.0961
    5
                                                58
##
       0.24 Very Go~
                             VVS2
                                       62.8
                                                57
                                                     336
                                                          3.94
                                                                 3.96
                                                                        2.48
                                                                                    0.0576
                             VVS1
                                       62.3
                                                57
                                                     336
                                                          3.95
                                                                                    0.0576
##
    7
       0.24 Very Go~ I
                                                                 3.98
                                                                        2.47
       0.26 Very Go~ H
                             SI1
                                       61.9
                                                55
                                                     337
                                                           4.07
                                                                 4.11
                                                                        2.53
                                                                                    0.0676
##
       0.22 Fair
                             VS2
                                       65.1
                                                61
                                                     337
                                                          3.87 3.78 2.49
                                                                                    0.0484
```

```
## 10 0.23 Very Go~ H VS1 59.4 61 338 4 4.05 2.39 0.0529
## # i 53,930 more rows
## # i 6 more variables: depth_square <dbl>, table_square <dbl>,
## # price_square <int>, x_square <dbl>, y_square <dbl>, z_square <dbl>
```

5.3 filter() based on many columns

Finally, Suppose we wish to find the diamonds that measure at least 6mm in each dimension. We could do this via the & operator:

```
diamonds |>
  filter(x > 6 & y > 6 & z > 6)
## # A tibble: 13 x 10
##
      carat cut
                       color clarity depth table price
                                                             X
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                       <ord> <ord>
                                      <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
##
       3.65 Fair
                       Η
                             Ι1
                                       67.1
                                               53 11668 9.53
                                                                9.48
                                                                       6.38
    1
##
       2
            Premium
                             SI2
                                       58.9
                                               57 12210
                                                         8.09 58.9
                       Η
                                               57 12587
##
    3
       3.5 Ideal
                       Η
                             Ι1
                                       62.8
                                                         9.65
                                                                9.59
                                                                      6.03
##
    4
       4.01 Premium
                       Ι
                             Ι1
                                       61
                                               61 15223 10.1
                                                               10.1
##
   5 4.01 Premium
                                       62.5
                                               62 15223 10.0
                                                                9.94
                                                                      6.24
                       J
                             Ι1
   6 2.01 Fair
                       G
                                       65.6
                                                                7.84
##
                             SI2
                                               56 15562
                                                         7.89
    7
                                                                9.34
##
       3.4
            Fair
                       D
                                       66.8
                                               52 15964
                                                         9.42
                                                                      6.27
                             Ι1
                                               58 15984 10.0
##
    8
       4
            Very Good I
                             Ι1
                                       63.3
                                                                9.94
                                                                      6.31
##
   9
       3.67 Premium
                       Ι
                             Ι1
                                       62.4
                                               56 16193
                                                        9.86
                                                                9.81
                                                                      6.13
## 10
      4.13 Fair
                       Η
                             I1
                                       64.8
                                               61 17329 10
                                                                9.85
                                                                      6.43
## 11 5.01 Fair
                       J
                             Ι1
                                       65.5
                                               59 18018 10.7
                                                               10.5
                                                                       6.98
## 12
      4.5 Fair
                       J
                             Ι1
                                       65.8
                                               58 18531 10.2 10.2
                                                                       6.72
                                                                      6.03
      3.51 Premium
                             VS2
                                       62.5
                                               59 18701 9.66 9.63
                       J
```

We can make this code a bit cleaner using the if_all() function:

```
diamonds |>
  filter(if_all(.cols = x:z, .fns = function(w)(w > 6)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 13 x 10
      carat cut
                       color clarity depth table price
                                                              X
##
      <dbl> <ord>
                                      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                       <ord> <ord>
##
    1
       3.65 Fair
                       Η
                              Ι1
                                       67.1
                                                53 11668 9.53
                                                                 9.48
                                                                       6.38
    2
                             SI2
                                       58.9
##
       2
            Premium
                       Η
                                                57 12210
                                                          8.09 58.9
                                                                       8.06
##
    3 3.5
            Ideal
                       Η
                              Ι1
                                       62.8
                                                57 12587
                                                          9.65
                                                                9.59
                                                                       6.03
##
    4 4.01 Premium
                       Ι
                             Ι1
                                       61
                                                61 15223 10.1
                                                                10.1
                                                                       6.17
##
    5 4.01 Premium
                       J
                             Ι1
                                       62.5
                                                62 15223 10.0
                                                                 9.94
                                                                       6.24
##
    6 2.01 Fair
                       G
                             SI2
                                       65.6
                                                56 15562
                                                          7.89
                                                                 7.84
                                                                       6.16
##
   7 3.4 Fair
                       D
                                                52 15964
                                                                 9.34
                             Ι1
                                       66.8
                                                          9.42
                                                                       6.27
##
    8
            Very Good I
                              Ι1
                                       63.3
                                                58 15984 10.0
                                                                 9.94
                                                                       6.31
##
    9
       3.67 Premium
                       Ι
                             Ι1
                                       62.4
                                                56 16193
                                                         9.86
                                                                 9.81
                                                                       6.13
## 10
       4.13 Fair
                       Η
                                       64.8
                                                61 17329 10
                                                                 9.85
                              Ι1
## 11
       5.01 Fair
                                                59 18018 10.7
                                                                10.5
                                                                       6.98
                       .T
                             Ι1
                                       65.5
       4.5 Fair
                       J
                                       65.8
                                                58 18531 10.2
                                                                10.2
                                                                       6.72
## 12
                              Ι1
## 13 3.51 Premium
                       J
                              VS2
                                       62.5
                                                59 18701 9.66 9.63
```

If we wanted to find diamonds that are at least 6mm in any dimension, we could use if_any():

```
diamonds |>
  filter(if_any(.cols = x:z, .fns = function(w)(w > 6)))
```

```
## # A tibble: 22,443 x 10
##
                        color clarity depth table price
      carat cut
                                                                             z
                                        <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
##
       <dbl> <ord>
                        <ord> <ord>
                                                                  <dbl>
##
       0.86 Fair
                        Ε
                               SI2
                                         55.1
                                                  69
                                                      2757
                                                             6.45
                                                                   6.33
                                                                          3.52
    1
##
       0.96 Fair
                        F
                               SI2
                                         66.3
                                                  62
                                                      2759
                                                             6.27
                                                                   5.95
                                                                          4.07
##
    3
       0.81 Ideal
                        F
                                         58.8
                                                      2761
                                                             6.14
                                                                   6.11
                               SI2
                                                  57
                                                                          3.6
       0.9
            Premium
                        Ι
                                                      2761
                                                                   6.12
##
                               VS2
                                         63
                                                  58
                                                             6.16
                                                                          3.87
                                                                   6.07
##
    5
       0.8
             Ideal
                        F
                               SI2
                                         59.9
                                                  59
                                                      2762
                                                             6.01
                                                                          3.62
       0.91 Premium
##
    6
                        Η
                               SI1
                                         61.4
                                                  56
                                                      2763
                                                             6.09
                                                                   5.97
                                                                          3.7
##
    7
                        Η
       0.91 Fair
                               SI2
                                         64.4
                                                  57
                                                      2763
                                                             6.11
                                                                   6.09
                                                                          3.93
    8
       0.91 Fair
                        Η
                               SI2
                                         65.7
                                                  60
                                                      2763
                                                             6.03
                                                                   5.99
                                                                          3.95
       0.8
            Very Good F
                               SI2
                                                  57
                                                      2772
                                                             6.01
                                                                   6.03
                                                                          3.67
##
    9
                                         61
## 10
       1.17 Very Good J
                               Ι1
                                         60.2
                                                  61
                                                      2774
                                                             6.83
                                                                   6.9
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## # i 22,433 more rows
```

We can combine if_all() or if_any() with other logical functions.

Exercise: Find all diamonds that are at least 6mm in each direction and at least 4 carats.

6 References:

- dplyr cheat sheet
- Work with Data tutorials
- R4DS Chapters 4, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 27.2

7 Exercises

Use dplyr to answer the following questions:

- What is the minimum diamond price in this dataset? See if you can find the answer in two different ways (i.e. using two different dplyr verbs).
- How many diamonds have length at least one and a half times their width?
- Among diamonds with colors D, E, F, G, what is the median number of carats for diamonds of each cut?