

Lab 02: Data and Reproducibility

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! Due date

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

- Final .pdf file submitted on Gradescope

Introduction

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

Learning goals

By the end of the lab, you will learn:

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

The tidyverse

A whole “universe” of functions within R

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

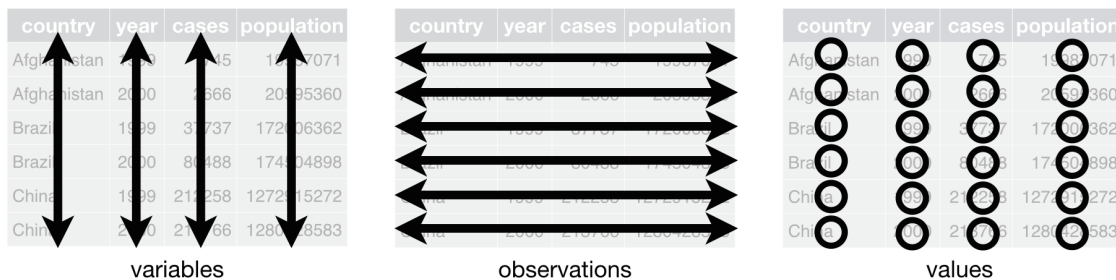
Advantages:

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

Tidying Data

The two most important properties of tidy data are:

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



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

Wide vs. Long Formats

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

```

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

```

```

      name time heartrate
1  Wilbur     1         67
2 Petunia     1         80
3 Gregory     1         64

```

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

Which dataframe is in *tidy* format?

Wide data:

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

Long data:

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

Tidy data is more likely to be **long**.

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

“Tidy datasets are all alike but every messy dataset is messy in its own way.”

– Hadley Wickham

Tidyverse packages

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

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

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

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

```
tidyverse_packages()
```

```
[1] "broom"          "conflicted"    "cli"           "dbplyr"
[5] "dplyr"          "dtplyr"        "forcats"       "ggplot2"
[9] "googledrive"    "googlesheets4" "haven"         "hms"
[13] "httr"           "jsonlite"      "lubridate"     "magrittr"
[17] "modelr"         "pillar"        "purrr"         "ragg"
[21] "readr"          "readxl"        "reprex"        "rlang"
[25] "rstudioapi"     "rvest"         "stringr"       "tibble"
[29] "tidyr"          "xml2"          "tidyverse"
```

All of these are super useful

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

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

Pipes: `|>` or `%>%`

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

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

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

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

Keyboard shortcut: Ctl/Cmd + Shift + M

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

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

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

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

```
# A tibble: 3 x 2
  model      hwy_mean
  <chr>      <dbl>
1 a4         28.3
2 a4 quattro 25.8
3 a6 quattro 24
```

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

```
# A tibble: 3 x 2
  model      hwy_mean
  <chr>      <dbl>
1 a4         28.3
2 a4 quattro 25.8
3 a6 quattro 24
```

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

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

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

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

```
# A tibble: 3 x 2
  model      hwy_mean
  <chr>      <dbl>
1 a4         28.3
2 a4 quattro 25.8
3 a6 quattro 24
```

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

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

Key dplyr verbs

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

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

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

Exercise 1: dplyr::filter

Subset Observations (Rows)



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

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

A tibble: 4 x 14

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

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

Regular expressions work well too.

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

```
# A tibble: 3 x 14
  name      height  mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex  gender
  <chr>      <int> <dbl> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>      <dbl> <chr> <chr>
1 Luke Sky~    172    77 blond      fair        blue         19  male masculin~
2 Anakin S~    188    84 blond      fair        blue        41.9  male masculin~
3 Shmi Sky~    163    NA black      fair        brown         72  fema~ feminin~
# i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films <list>,
#   vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

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

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

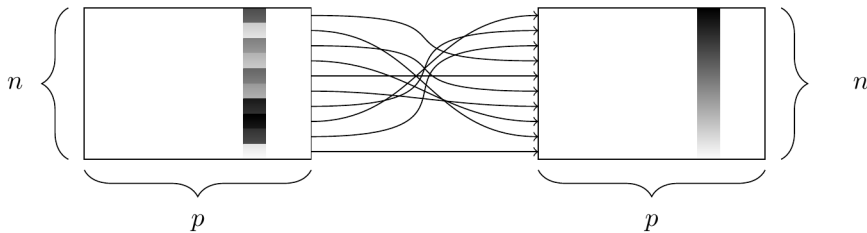
```
# A tibble: 6 x 14
  name      height  mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex  gender
  <chr>      <int> <dbl> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>      <dbl> <chr> <chr>
1 Arvel Cr~    NA    NA brown      fair        brown         NA  male masculin~
2 Finn        NA    NA black      dark   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

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

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

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

Exercise 2: dplyr::arrange



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

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

```
# A tibble: 87 x 14
  name      height  mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex  gender
  <chr>      <int> <dbl> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>      <dbl> <chr> <chr>
1 Wicket ~     88  20  brown      brown      brown         8  male  mascu~
2 IG-88      200 140  none      metal      red          15  none  mascu~
3 Luke Sk~   172  77  blond      fair        blue          19  male  mascu~
4 Leia Or~   150  49  brown      light       brown          19  fema~ femin~
5 Wedge A~   170  77  brown      fair        hazel          21  male  mascu~
6 Plo Koon   188  80  none      orange     black          22  male  mascu~
7 Biggs D~   183  84  black      light       brown          24  male  mascu~
8 Han Solo   180  80  brown      fair        brown          29  male  mascu~
9 Lando C~   177  79  black      dark        brown          31  male  mascu~
10 Boba Fe~   183 78.2 black      fair        brown          31.5 male  mascu~
# i 77 more rows
# i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films <list>,
```



```
# vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

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

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

```
# A tibble: 87 x 14
```

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

```
# i 77 more rows
```

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

```
# vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

Exercise 3: dplyr::select

Subset Variables (Columns)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise 4: dplyr::mutate

Make New Variables



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

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

A tibble: 87 x 4

| | name | birth_year | dog_years | comment |
|----|--------------------|------------|-----------|--|
| | <chr> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <chr> |
| 1 | Luke Skywalker | 19 | 133 | Luke Skywalker is 133 in dog years. |
| 2 | C-3P0 | 112 | 784 | C-3P0 is 784 in dog years. |
| 3 | R2-D2 | 33 | 231 | R2-D2 is 231 in dog years. |
| 4 | Darth Vader | 41.9 | 293. | Darth Vader is 293.3 in dog years. |
| 5 | Leia Organa | 19 | 133 | Leia Organa is 133 in dog years. |
| 6 | Owen Lars | 52 | 364 | Owen Lars is 364 in dog years. |
| 7 | Beru Whitesun Lars | 47 | 329 | Beru Whitesun Lars is 329 in dog year~ |
| 8 | R5-D4 | NA | NA | R5-D4 is NA in dog years. |
| 9 | Biggs Darklighter | 24 | 168 | Biggs Darklighter is 168 in dog year~ |
| 10 | Obi-Wan Kenobi | 57 | 399 | Obi-Wan Kenobi is 399 in dog years. |

i 77 more rows

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

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

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

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

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

```
# A tibble: 2 x 4
  name          height tall1 tall2
  <chr>          <int> <lgl> <chr>
1 Luke Skywalker    172 FALSE Short
2 Anakin Skywalker  188 TRUE  Tall
```

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

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

```
# A tibble: 87 x 6
  name          height mass hair_color skin_color eye_color
  <chr>          <int> <dbl> <chr>    <chr>    <chr>
1 LUKE SKYWALKER    172    77 BLOND    FAIR     BLUE
2 C-3PO             167    75 <NA>    GOLD     YELLOW
```

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

i 77 more rows

Exercise 5: dplyr::summarize

Summarise Data



Particularly useful in combination with the `group_by` command.

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

```
# A tibble: 38 x 2
  species    mean_height
  <chr>         <dbl>
1 Aleena         79
```

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

```

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

```

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

```

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

```

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

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

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

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


Other dplyr goodies

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

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

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

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

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

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

Challenge 1

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

As usual, there are multiple solutions.

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

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

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

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

Explain what each line in the codes do:

Answer:

line 428 inputs 'starwars' into the following function on line 429

line 429 filters by objects whose sex is female

line 430 counts the number of data with each eye color

line 431 sorts the data in descending order greatest to least

line 435 inputs 'starwars' into the following function on line 436

line 436 filters by data whose sex is female

line 437 groups each number of data with a given eye color by each color

line 438 collapses all the rows for each data item into one row with the total number

line 439 sorts the data in descending order of most -> least eye color

#every line with |> loads the value into the following function

Storing results in memory

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

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

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

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

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

Key tidyr verbs

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

Which of `pivot_longer` vs `pivot_wider` produces “tidy” data?

Exercise 6: `tidyr::pivot_longer`

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

| | time | X | Y | Z |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 2009-01-01 | 8.585058 | 10.649024 | 14.502735 |
| 2 | 2009-01-02 | 10.284099 | 9.764257 | 3.312478 |

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

```
# A tibble: 6 x 3
  time      stock price
  <date>    <chr> <dbl>
1 2009-01-01 X      8.59
2 2009-01-01 Y     10.6
3 2009-01-01 Z     14.5
4 2009-01-02 X     10.3
5 2009-01-02 Y      9.76
6 2009-01-02 Z      3.31
```

Exercise 7: tidyr::pivot_wider

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

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

```
# A tibble: 2 x 4
  time           X       Y       Z
  <date>       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 2009-01-01  8.59 10.6 14.5
2 2009-01-02 10.3  9.76 3.31
```

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

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

```
# A tibble: 3 x 3
  stock `2009-01-01` `2009-01-02`
  <chr>       <dbl>       <dbl>
1 X           8.59         10.3
2 Y           10.6         9.76
3 Z           14.5         3.31
```

Exercise 8: tidyr::separate

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

```
economists = data.frame(name = c("Adam_Smith", "Paul_Samuelson", "Milton_Friedman"))
economists
```

```
      name
1 Adam_Smith
2 Paul_Samuelson
3 Milton_Friedman
```

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

```

  first_name last_name
1      Adam      Smith
2      Paul Samuelson
3     Milton  Friedman

```

—

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

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

```

  first_name last_name
1      Adam      Smith
2      Paul Samuelson
3     Milton  Friedman

```

Exercise 9: `tidyr::separate`

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

```

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

```

```

  name                occupation
1  Joe                President
2 Jill First Lady, Professor, Grandmother

```

```

# Now split out Jill's various occupations into different rows
jobs |> separate_rows(occupation)

```

```

# A tibble: 5 x 2
  name  occupation
<chr> <chr>
1 Joe   President
2 Jill  First
3 Jill  Lady
4 Jill  Professor
5 Jill  Grandmother

```

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

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

| | name | occupation |
|---|------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Joe | President |
| 2 | Jill | First Lady, Professor, Grandmother |

```
# Now split out Jill's various occupations into different rows
jobs |> separate_rows(occupation, sep = ", ")
```

```
# A tibble: 4 x 2
  name occupation
<chr> <chr>
1 Joe   President
2 Jill  First Lady
3 Jill  Professor
4 Jill  Grandmother
```

Exercise 10: tidyr::unite

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

| | yr | mnth | dy | gdp |
|---|------|------|----|-----------|
| 1 | 2016 | 1 | 1 | 97.63979 |
| 2 | 2016 | 1 | 2 | 100.27063 |
| 3 | 2016 | 1 | 3 | 96.92429 |
| 4 | 2016 | 1 | 4 | 99.71997 |

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

| | date | gdp |
|---|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 2016-1-1 | 97.63979 |
| 2 | 2016-1-2 | 100.27063 |
| 3 | 2016-1-3 | 96.92429 |
| 4 | 2016-1-4 | 99.71997 |

```
gdp_u <- gdp |> unite(date, c("yr", "mnth", "dy"), sep = "-")
```

Note that `unite` will automatically create a character variable.

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

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

| | date | gdp |
|---|------------|-----------|
| 1 | 2016-01-01 | 97.63979 |
| 2 | 2016-01-02 | 100.27063 |
| 3 | 2016-01-03 | 96.92429 |
| 4 | 2016-01-04 | 99.71997 |

Challenge 2

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

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

```
flights |>
  group_by(carrier) |>
  summarize(avg_late = mean(arr_delay, na.rm=T))
```



```
# A tibble: 16 x 2
  carrier avg_late
  <chr>      <dbl>
1 9E         7.38
2 AA         0.364
3 AS        -9.93
4 B6         9.46
5 DL         1.64
6 EV        15.8
7 F9        21.9
8 FL        20.1
9 HA        -6.92
10 MQ        10.8
11 OO        11.9
12 UA         3.56
13 US         2.13
14 VX         1.76
15 WN         9.65
16 YV        15.6
```

Solution:

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

```
# A tibble: 4 x 17
  day `9E`    AA    AS    B6    DL    EV    F9    FL    HA    MQ    OO
  <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1     1  7.21 -1.23  -5.96 11.9    0.866 21.3  21.7  22.7 -15.4 12.9  NA
2     2  7.35 -0.905 -13.7  9.90    3.05 18.0  7.71  20.9 -16.1  9.04 NaN
3     3  5.80 -3.09 -20.8  5.26   -0.204 15.3 18.0  19.6 -16.8 13.7  0.5
4     4 -2.11 -5.80 -22.3 -0.0939 -6.24  3.87 14.5  4.38 -15.2  3.82 -12
# i 5 more variables: UA <dbl>, US <dbl>, VX <dbl>, WN <dbl>, YV <dbl>
```

Explain what each line in the codes do:

Answer:

line 615 puts flight into the next function

line 616 groups the flights by carrier

line 617 collapses the rows and creates a single value and summarizes the data within it

line 623 creates a variable called delay_long and sets its value as flights.

line 624 groups data by delay_long, carrier, and day

line 625 summarizes it within the avg_late variable

line 626 creates the delay_wide variable and sets it to delay_long

line 627 puts data into a longer format, using the variables delay_wide, with names taken from carrier and values from avg_late

line 628 gathers and displays the first 4 rows of the table delay_wide

lines with |> create a pipeline that inserts the data from the current row into the next function

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