

# Functional Programming

Data Wrangling in R

# Functional Programming

“R, at its heart, is a functional programming (FP) language. This means that it provides many tools for the creation and manipulation of functions. In particular, R has what’s known as first class functions. You can do anything with functions that you can do with vectors: you can assign them to variables, store them in lists, **pass them as arguments to other functions**, create them inside functions, and even return them as the result of a function.” - [Hadley Wickham](#)

Don’t need to write for-loops! - check this [video](#).

Allows you to flexibly iterate functions to multiple elements of a data object!

Useful when you want to apply a function to:

- \* lots of columns in a tibble
- \* multiple tibbles
- \* multiple data files
- \* or perform fancy functions with vectors (or tibble columns)

## Working across multiple columns

Say we wanted to round multiple columns of the `mtcars` data. We could do so one column at a time, or we could use the `across` function from the `dplyr` package. Needs to be used **within other dplyr functions** such as `mutate`.

```
mutate(across(which_columns, which function or operation))
```

```
head(mtcars, 2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp  drat    wt  qsec vs  am  gear  carb
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160 110   3.9 2.620 16.46  0   1     4     4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160 110   3.9 2.875 17.02  0   1     4     4
```

```
mtcars %>%
  mutate(across(.cols = c(disp, drat, wt, qsec), round)) %>%
  head(2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp  drat  wt  qsec vs  am  gear  carb
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160 110     4   3    16  0   1     4     4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160 110     4   3    17  0   1     4     4
```

# functions in R

```
my_function <- function(x) {x + 1}  
my_function
```

```
## function(x) {x + 1}
```

```
my_data <- c(2,3,4)  
my_function(x = my_data)
```

```
## [1] 3 4 5
```

```
my_function(my_data)
```

```
## [1] 3 4 5
```

## Special lamda use

If you see `~ .x` (or sometimes just `.` is used instead of `.x`) this means `function(x)` `{x}` - in other words we are passing `x` to a function.

For example - this is not necessary but you could use it here:

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = c(displ, drat, wt, qsec), ~ round(.x))) %>%  
  head(2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	displ	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	4	3	16	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	4	3	17	0	1	4	4

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = c(displ, drat, wt, qsec), round)) %>%  
  head(2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	displ	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	4	3	16	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	4	3	17	0	1	4	4

## Using `across` with arguments

If you wish to also pass arguments to the function that you are applying to the various columns, then you need to use the `~` and `.x` (or `.`) as a place holder for what you the values you will be passing into the function.

```
round_x <- mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = c(displ, drat, wt, qsec), ~ round(.x, digits = 1)))  
  
head(round_x, 2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  displ  hp  drat   wt  qsec vs  am  gear carb  
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160  110   3.9  2.6  16.5  0   1     4     4  
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160  110   3.9  2.9  17.0  0   1     4     4
```

```
round_per <- mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = c(displ, drat, wt, qsec), ~ round(., digits = 1)))  
  
head(round_per, 2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  displ  hp  drat   wt  qsec vs  am  gear carb  
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160  110   3.9  2.6  16.5  0   1     4     4  
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160  110   3.9  2.9  17.0  0   1     4     4
```

```
identical(round_x, round_per)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

# Using across with helpers to apply function to multiple columns

[https://tidyselect.r-lib.org/reference/select\\_helpers.html](https://tidyselect.r-lib.org/reference/select_helpers.html)

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = disp:qsec, round)) %>%  
  head(2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	4	3	16	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	4	3	17	0	1	4	4

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = everything(), round)) %>%  
  head(2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	4	3	16	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	4	3	17	0	1	4	4

## `if_any()` and `if_all()` are also helpful!

`if_any()` filters for rows any columns in listed columns meet the condition  
`if_all()` filters for rows if all columns in listed columns meet the condition

```
diamonds %>%  
  filter(if_any(c(x, y, z), ~. > 11))
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 10  
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z  
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1  2      Premium H      SI2     58.9  57    12210  8.09  58.9  8.06  
## 2  0.51 Very Good E      VS1     61.8  54.7   1970  5.12  5.15  31.8  
## 3  0.51 Ideal    E      VS1     61.8  55     2075  5.15  31.8  5.12
```

```
diamonds %>%  
  filter(if_all(c(x, y, z), ~. > 8))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 10  
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z  
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1      2 Premium H      SI2     58.9  57    12210  8.09  58.9  8.06
```



## Previously we filtered by many conditionals...2 general ways

```
library(stringr)
diamonds %>%
  filter(str_detect(cut, "Ideal|Premium")) %>% head(2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1  0.23 Ideal    E      SI2     61.5   55   326   3.95   3.98   2.43
## 2  0.21 Premium E      SI1     59.8   61   326   3.89   3.84   2.31
```

```
diamonds %>%
  filter(cut %in% c("Ideal", "Premium"), z > 4 , color == "E")
```

```
## # A tibble: 837 x 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1  1.22 Premium E      I1     60.9   57  2862   6.93   6.88   4.21
## 2  1.25 Ideal    E      I1     60.9   56  3276   6.95   6.91   4.22
## 3  1.05 Premium E      I1     62.2   61  3293   6.51   6.48   4.04
## 4  1.24 Premium E      I1     61.1   62  3528   6.91   6.86   4.21
## 5  1.19 Premium E      I1     60.2   61  3572   6.91   6.87   4.15
## 6  1.13 Ideal    E      I1     62     55  3729   6.66   6.7    4.14
## 7  1.13 Ideal    E      I1     62     55  3797   6.7    6.66   4.14
## 8  1.12 Ideal    E      SI2     60.9   57  3864   6.66   6.6    4.04
## 9  1.2   Premium E      I1     62.3   60  3871   6.78   6.71   4.2
## 10 1.1   Ideal    E      I1     61.9   56  3872   6.59   6.63   4.09
## # ... with 827 more rows
```

## Now we can filter multiple columns for multiple conditions simultaneously

```
diamonds %>%  
  filter(if_all(c(x, y, z), ~.x > 4 & .x < 5.5))
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 10  
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z  
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1   0.5 Very Good G      VVS1    63.7    58  2180  5.01  5.04  5.06  
## 2   0.5 Fair      E      VS2     79    73  2579  5.21  5.18  4.09  
## 3   0.5 Fair      E      VS2     79    73  2579  5.21  5.18  4.09
```

```
diamonds %>%  
  filter(if_all(c(x, y, z), ~. == 0 | . > 8))
```

```
## # A tibble: 12 x 10  
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z  
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1   1      Very Good H      VS2    63.3    53  5139  0      0      0  
## 2  1.14 Fair      G      VS1    57.5    67  6381  0      0      0  
## 3   2      Premium H      SI2    58.9    57 12210  8.09  58.9  8.06  
## 4  2.18 Premium H      SI2    59.4    61 12631  8.49  8.45  0  
## 5  1.56 Ideal      G      VS2    62.2    54 12800  0      0      0  
## 6  2.25 Premium I      SI1    61.3    58 15397  8.52  8.42  0  
## 7   1.2 Premium D      VVS1    62.1    59 15686  0      0      0  
## 8   2.2 Premium H      SI1    61.2    59 17265  8.42  8.37  0  
## 9  2.25 Premium H      SI2    62.8    59 18034  0      0      0
```

## **purrr** is also a super helpful package!

“Designed to make your functions purrr.”

`dplyr` is designed for data frames `purrr` is designed for vectors

The `purrr` package can be very helpful!

- <https://purrr.tidyverse.org/>
- <https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/raw/master/purrr.pdf>
- <https://jennybc.github.io/purrr-tutorial/>

## **purrr** main functions

`map` and `map_*` and `modify`

- applies function to each element of vector or list

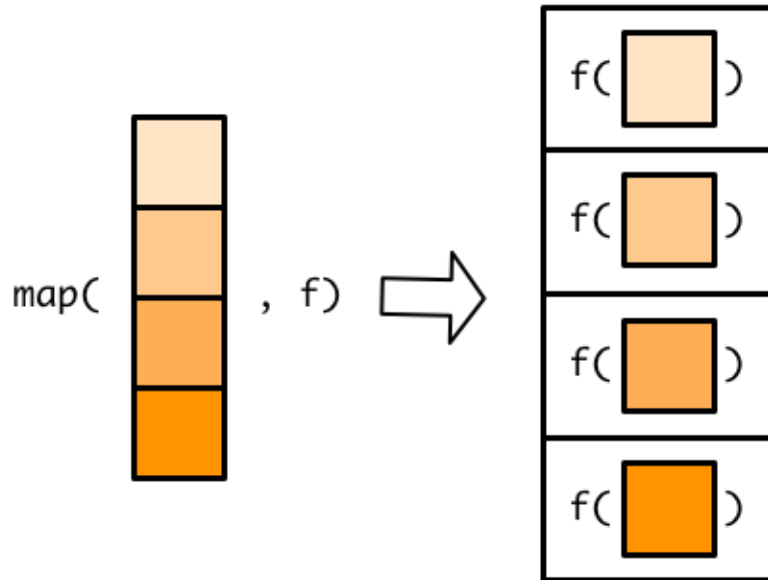
`map2` and `map2_*`

- applies function to each element of two vectors or lists

`pmap` and `pmap_*` - applies function to each element of 3+ vectors or lists  
(requires a list for input)

the `_*` options specify the type of data output

## map (and modify)



```
x <-c(1.2,2.3,3.5,4.6)
map(x, round) %>% unlist()
```

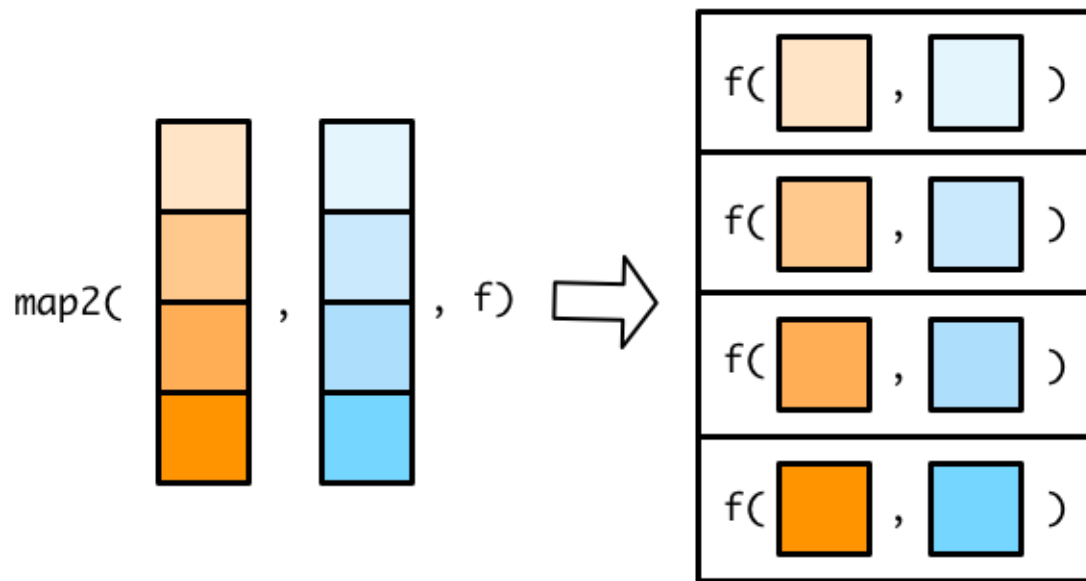
```
## [1] 1 2 4 5
```

```
x <-tibble(values = c(1.2,2.3,3.5,4.6))
map_df(x, round)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 1
##   values
##   <dbl>
## 1     1
## 2     2
## 3     4
## 4     5
```

# map2

Good if you need to use multiple vectors in a function together.



```
x <-c(1.2, 2.3, 3.5, 4.6)
y <-c(2.4, 5.3, 6.4, 1.0)
map2(x, y, min) %>% unlist()
```

```
## [1] 1.2 2.3 3.5 1.0
```

## map2 in practice

```
trees$new <- trees$Volume-3  
head(trees)
```

```
##      Girth Height Volume  new  
## 1      8.3      70   10.3   7.3  
## 2      8.6      65   10.3   7.3  
## 3      8.8      63   10.2   7.2  
## 4     10.5      72   16.4  13.4  
## 5     10.7      81   18.8  15.8  
## 6     10.8      83   19.7  16.7
```

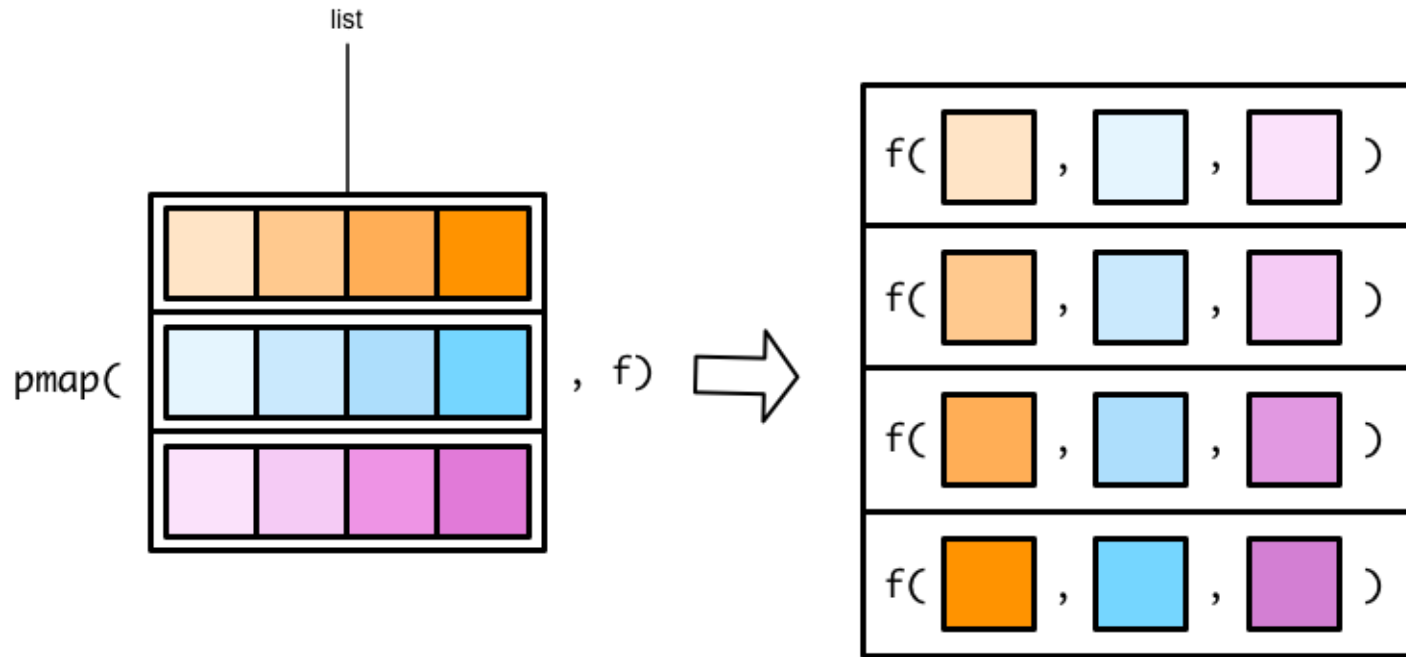
```
map2_dbl(trees$Girth, trees$new, min) %>% head()
```

```
## [1]  7.3  7.3  7.2 10.5 10.7 10.8
```

```
map2_dbl(trees$Girth, trees$Height, function(x,y){ pi * ((x/2)/12)^2 * y})
```

```
## [1] 26.30157 26.22030 26.60929 43.29507 50.58013 52.80232 43.55687  
## [8] 49.49645 53.76050 51.31268 55.01883 53.87046 53.87046 51.51672  
## [15] 58.90486 67.16431 77.14819 82.97153 72.68200 66.47610 83.38311  
## [22] 87.98205 84.85845 100.53096 111.58179 132.22227 136.96744 139.80524  
## [29] 141.37167 141.37167 201.36365
```

# pmap



```
pmap_list <-  
  list(x = c(1.2, 2.3, 3.5, 4.6), y = c(2.4, 5.3, 6.4, 1.0), z = c(2, 9, 4, 11.0))
```

```
pmap(pmap_list, min) %>% unlist()
```

```
## [1] 1.2 2.3 3.5 1.0
```



# purrr - apply function to all columns

two options `map_df` or `modify`

Lots of variations of `map` based on output

```
library(purrr)
head(mtcars, 2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp  drat    wt  qsec vs  am  gear  carb
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160 110   3.9 2.620 16.46  0   1    4     4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160 110   3.9 2.875 17.02  0   1    4     4
```

```
mtcars %>%
  map_df(round) %>% # will be a tibble now - will remove rownames
  head(2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 11
##   mpg   cyl  disp    hp  drat    wt  qsec    vs  am  gear  carb
##   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1    21     6   160   110     4     3    16     0     1     4     4
## 2    21     6   160   110     4     3    17     0     1     4     4
```

```
mtcars %>%
  modify(round) %>% # modify keeps original data type
  head(2)
```

## It's a bit easier to pass arguments than across...

```
mtcars %>%  
  map_df(round, digits = 1) %>%  
  head()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 11  
##   mpg    cyl  disp    hp  drat    wt  qsec    vs  am  gear  carb  
##   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1   21     6   160   110   3.9   2.6  16.5     0     1     4     4  
## 2   21     6   160   110   3.9   2.9  17      0     1     4     4  
## 3  22.8    4   108    93   3.9   2.3  18.6     1     1     4     1  
## 4  21.4    6   258   110   3.1   3.2  19.4     1     0     3     1  
## 5  18.7    8   360   175   3.1   3.4  17      0     0     3     2  
## 6  18.1    6   225   105   2.8   3.5  20.2     1     0     3     1
```

## purrr apply function to some columns like accross

Using `modify_if()` or `map_if()`, we can specify what columns to modify

```
head(as_tibble(iris), 3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <fct>
## 1         5.1         3.5         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 2         4.9         3         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 3         4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2 setosa
```

```
as_tibble(iris) %>%
  modify_if(is.numeric, as.character) %>%
  head(3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <chr>         <chr>         <chr>         <chr> <fct>
## 1 5.1         3.5         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 2 4.9         3         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 3 4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2 setosa
```

```
as_tibble(iris) %>%
  map_if(is.numeric, as.character) %>%
  class()
```

```
## [1] "list"
```

## great example with split()

```
mtcars %>%  
  split(.$cyl) %>%  
  map(~lm(mpg ~ wt, data = .)) %>%  
  map(summary) %>%  
  map_dbl("r.squared")
```

```
##           4           6           8  
## 0.5086326 0.4645102 0.4229655
```

More on lists soon!!

->

# What is a 'list'?

- Lists are the most flexible/"generic" data class in R
- Can be created using `list()`
- Can hold vectors, strings, matrices, models, list of other list, lists upon lists!
- Can reference data using `$` (if the elements are named), or using `[]`, or `[[ ]]`

```
> mylist <- list(letters=c("A", "b", "c"),  
+               numbers=1:3, matrix(1:25, ncol=5), matrix(1:25, ncol=5))
```

# List Structure

```
> head(mylist)
```

```
$letters
```

```
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
$numbers
```

```
[1] 1 2 3
```

```
[[3]]
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]
[1,]	1	6	11	16	21
[2,]	2	7	12	17	22
[3,]	3	8	13	18	23
[4,]	4	9	14	19	24
[5,]	5	10	15	20	25

```
[[4]]
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]
[1,]	1	6	11	16	21
[2,]	2	7	12	17	22
[3,]	3	8	13	18	23
[4,]	4	9	14	19	24
[5,]	5	10	15	20	25

# List referencing

```
> mylist[1] # returns a list
```

```
$letters  
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
> mylist["letters"] # returns a list
```

```
$letters  
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

## List referencing

```
> mylist[[1]] # returns the vector 'letters'
```

```
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
> mylist$letters # returns vector
```

```
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
> mylist[["letters"]] # returns the vector 'letters'
```

```
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```



# List referencing

You can also select multiple lists with the single brackets.

```
> mylist[1:2] # returns a list
```

```
$letters  
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
$numbers  
[1] 1 2 3
```

# List referencing

You can also select down several levels of a list at once

```
> mylist$letters[1]
```

```
[1] "A"
```

```
> mylist[[2]][1]
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
> mylist[[3]][1:2,1:2]
```

	[,1]	[,2]
[1,]	1	6
[2,]	2	7

# How would I encounter lists?

This comes up a lot in data cleaning and also when reading in multiple files!

```
library(here)
library(readr)
list.files(here::here("data", "iris"), pattern = "*.csv")
```

```
## [1] "iris_q1.csv" "iris_q4.csv" "iris_q5.csv"
```

```
file_list <- paste0(here::here(), "/data/iris/", list.files(here::here("data", "iris"), pattern = "*.csv"))

file_list
```

```
## [1] "/Users/carriewright/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/Data-Wrangling/data/iris/iris_q1.csv"
## [2] "/Users/carriewright/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/Data-Wrangling/data/iris/iris_q4.csv"
## [3] "/Users/carriewright/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/Data-Wrangling/data/iris/iris_q5.csv"
```

```
multifile_data <- file_list %>%
  map(read_csv)

class(multifile_data)
```

```
## [1] "list"
```

# Reading in multiple files

```
multifile_data[[1]]
```

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

```
multifile_data[[2]]
```

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

# Reading in multiple files

```
multifile_data[[3]]
```

```
## # A tibble: 150 x 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>
## 1         -999         3.5           1.4           0.2 setosa
## 2         -999         3             1.4           0.2 setosa
## 3         -999         3.2           1.3           0.2 setosa
## 4          4.6         3.1           1.5           0.2 setosa
## 5          5          3.6           1.4           0.2 setosa
## 6          5.4         3.9           1.7           0.4 setosa
## 7          4.6         3.4           1.4           0.3 setosa
## 8          5          3.4           1.5           0.2 setosa
## 9          4.4         2.9           1.4           0.2 setosa
## 10         4.9         3.1           1.5           0.1 setosa
## # ... with 140 more rows
```

## Fixing the second file

```
multifile_data[[2]] <-  
  separate(multifile_data[[2]],  
    col = `Sepal.Length:Sepal.Width:Petal.Length:Petal.Width:Species`,  
    into = c("Sepal.Length", "Sepal.Width",  
             "Petal.Length", "Petal.Width", "Species"),  
    sep = ":")  
  
head(multifile_data[[2]], 3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 5  
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species  
##   <chr>        <chr>        <chr>        <chr>        <chr>  
## 1 5.1          3.5          1.4          0.2          setosa  
## 2 4.9          3            1.4          0.2          setosa  
## 3 4.7          3.2          1.3          0.2          setosa
```

```
multifile_data[[2]] <-  
  multifile_data[[2]] %>%  
  mutate(across(!Species, as.numeric))
```

# Reading in multiple files

The `bind_rows()` function can be great for simply combining data.

```
# bind_rows(multifile_data[[1]], multifile_data[[3]], multifile_data[[2]])
bindrows_data <- multifile_data %>%
  map_df(bind_rows, .id = "experiment") # recall that modify keeps the same data type
# so that will not do what we want here because we want a data frame instead of a list!
dim(bindrows_data)
```

```
## [1] 450 6
```

```
tail(bindrows_data, 2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 6
##   experiment Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <chr>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>
## 1 3             6.2           3.4           5.4           2.3 virginica
## 2 3             5.9           3             5.1           1.8 virginica
```

See <https://www.opencasestudies.org/ocs-bp-vaping-case-study> for more information!

# Factors

First we will create some data about absences for different students. Each row is a different student. We have information about the number of days absent and the grade for the individual students. We will use the `tibble()` function to create the data. We will use the `sample()` function to create a random sequence of numbers from 0 to 7 with replacements for 32 hypothetical students. Since there are four grades and  $8 \times 4$  is 32, we will repeat the grade values 8 times. We use the `set.seed()` function so that the random sample from 0 to 7 is the same each time the code is run.

```
set.seed(123)
data_highschool <- tibble(absences = sample(0:7, size = 32, replace = TRUE),
                          grade = rep(c("Freshman", "Sophomore",
                                         "Junior", "Senior"), 8))
head(data_highschool, 3)
```

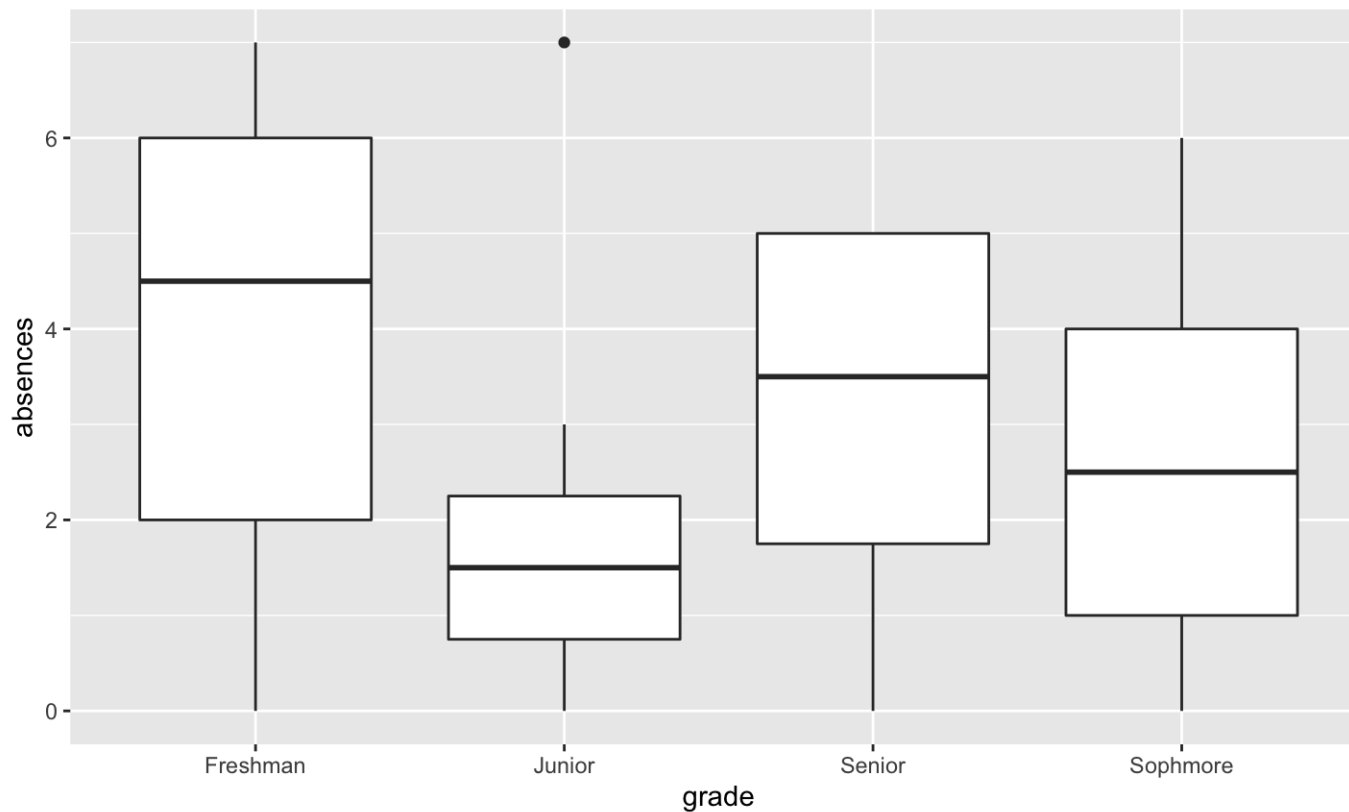
```
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
##   absences grade
##   <int> <chr>
## 1       6 Freshman
## 2       6 Sophomore
## 3       2 Junior
```

Notice that `grade` is a `chr` variable. This indicates that the values are character strings. R does not realize that there is any order related to the `grade` values. However, we know that the order is: freshman, sophomore, junior, senior.



## Let's make a plot first:

```
#boxplot(data = data_highschool, absences ~ grade)
data_highschool %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = grade, y = absences)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```



## Not quite what we want

OK this is very useful, but it is a bit difficult to read, because we expect the values to be plotted by the order that we know, not by alphabetical order. Currently `grade` is class `character` but let's change that to class `factor` which allows us to specify the levels or order of the values.

## As factor now

Using `as_factor()` from the `forcats` package the levels will be in the order in which they occur in the data!

<https://forcats.tidyverse.org/>

```
class(data_highschool$grade)
```

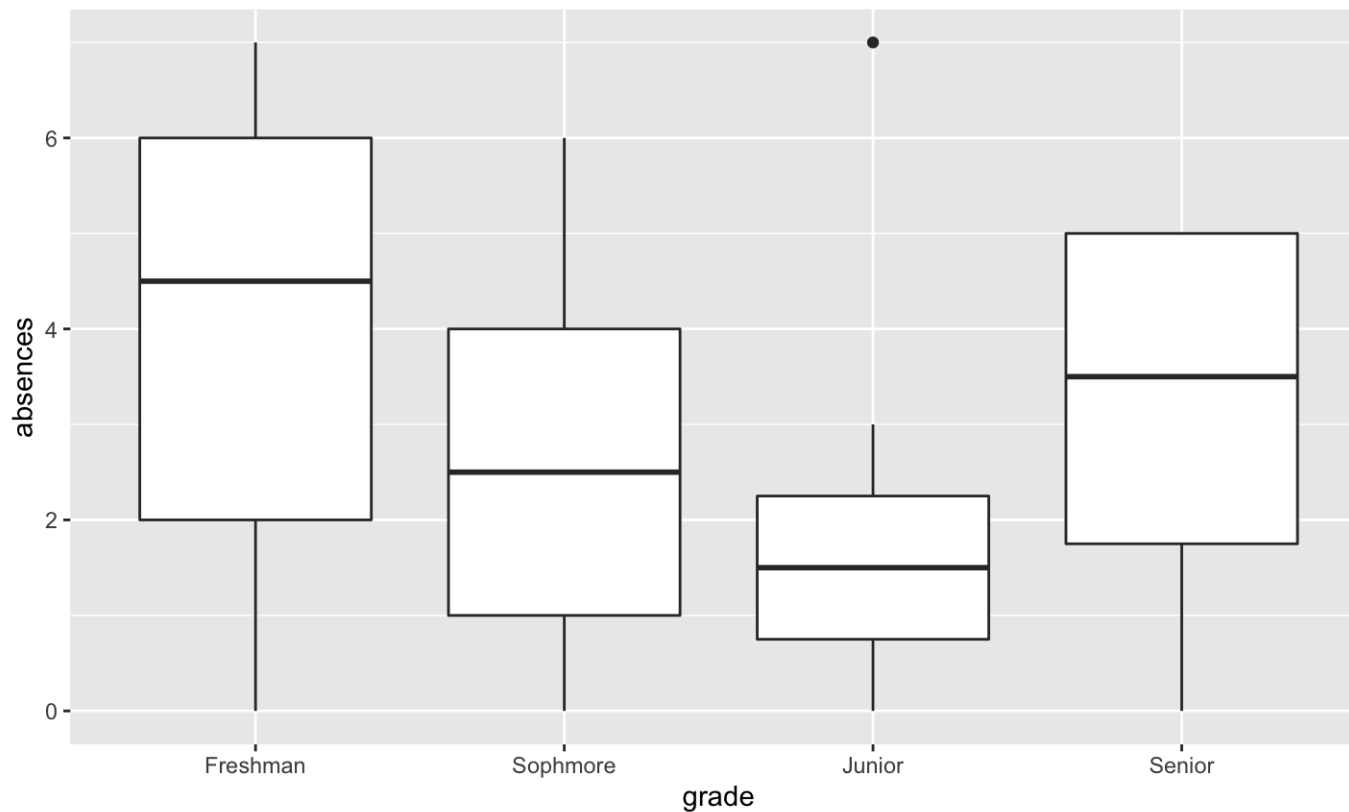
```
## [1] "character"
```

```
data_highschool_fct <- data_highschool %>%  
  mutate(grade = as_factor(grade))  
head(data_highschool_fct, 3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 2  
##   absences grade  
##   <int> <fct>  
## 1         6 Freshman  
## 2         6 Sophomore  
## 3         2 Junior
```

Now let's make our plot again:

```
#boxplot(data = data_highschool_fct, absences ~ grade)
data_highschool_fct %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = grade, y = absences)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```



## Calculatons with factors?

Now what about results from some calculations.

```
data_highschool %>% group_by(grade) %>% summarise(mean = mean(absences))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2
##   grade      mean
##   <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 Freshman    4
## 2 Junior      2
## 3 Senior    3.12
## 4 Sophmore   2.62
```

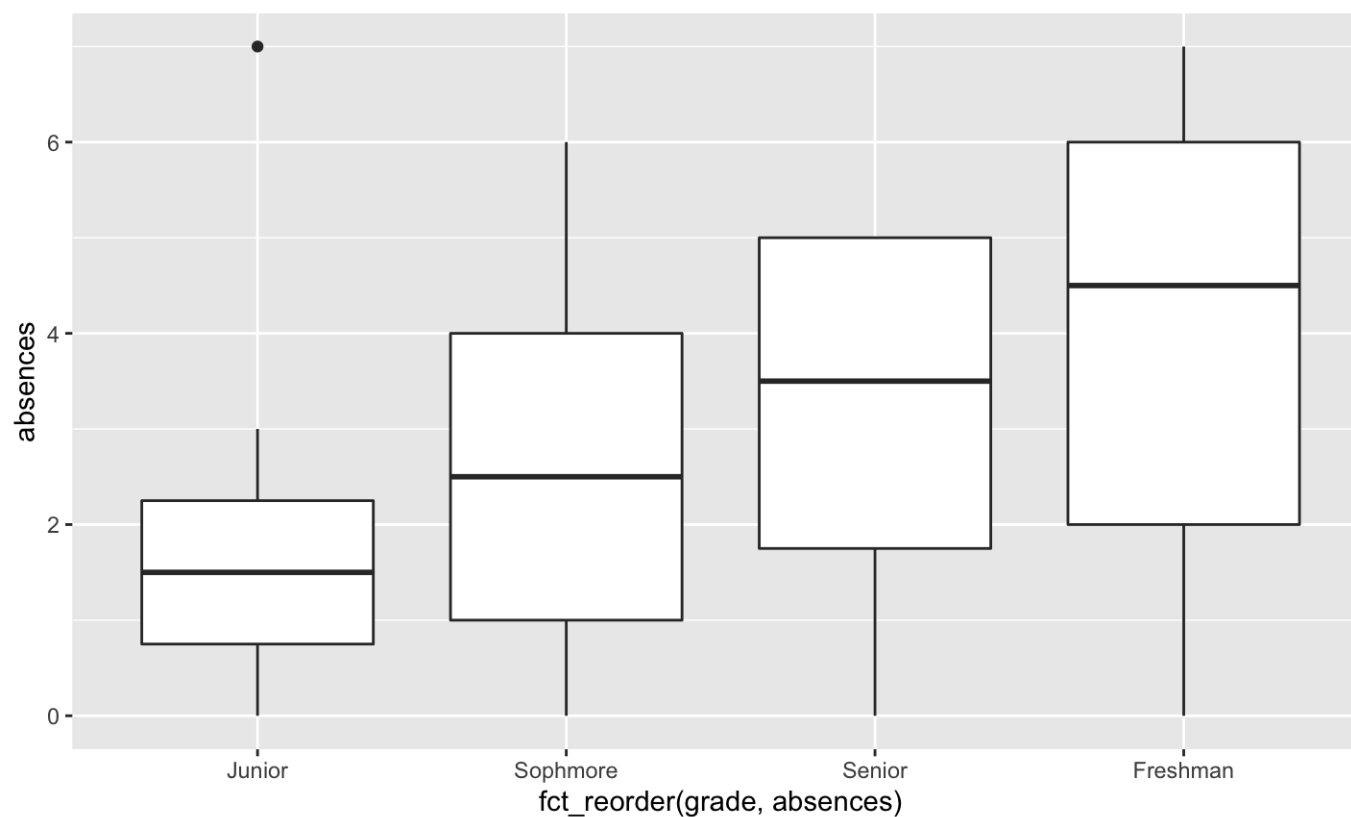
```
data_highschool_fct %>% group_by(grade) %>% summarise(mean = mean(absences))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2
##   grade      mean
##   <fct>    <dbl>
## 1 Freshman    4
## 2 Sophmore   2.62
## 3 Junior      2
## 4 Senior    3.12
```

Here we see that the mean is calculated in the order we would like only for the version of the data that has absences coded as a factor!

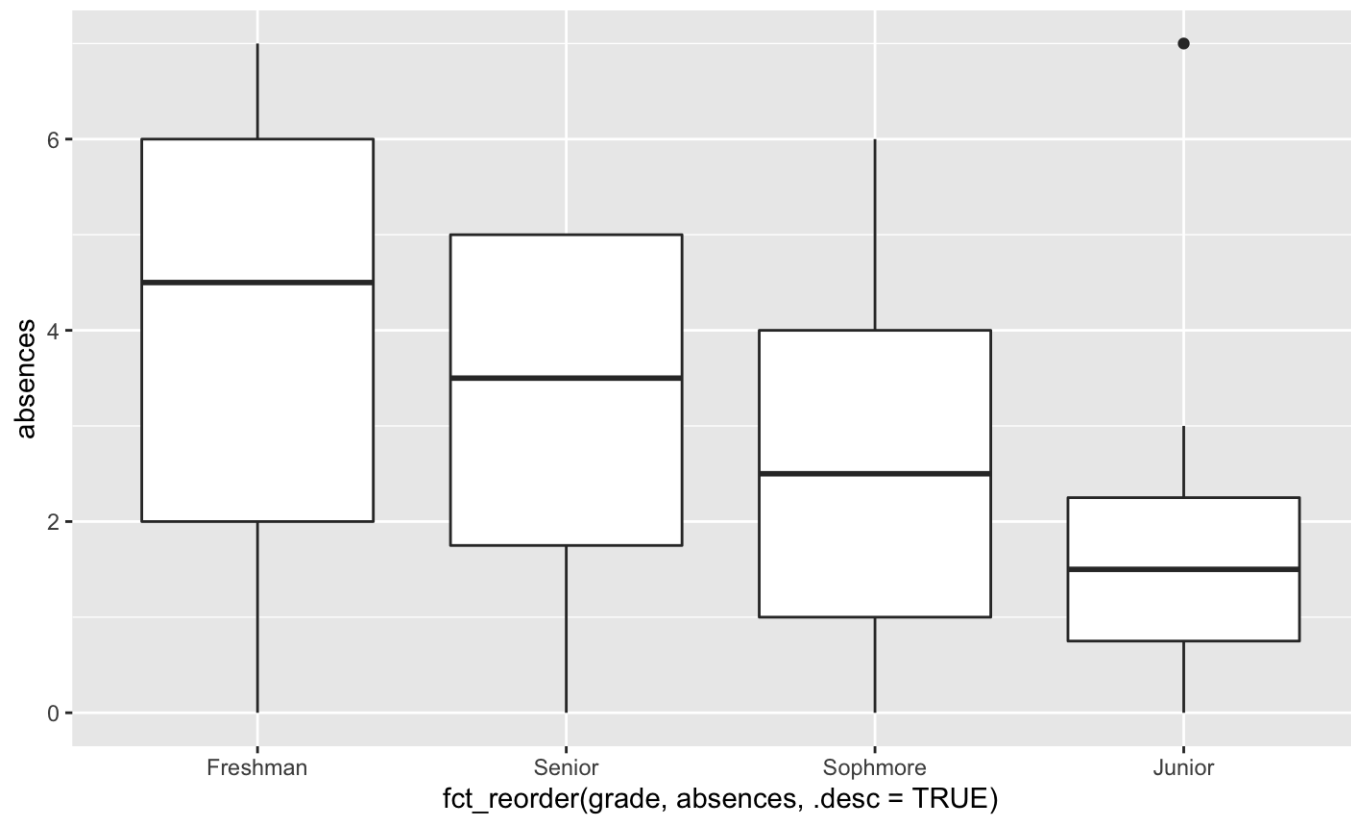
# What if we want to change the factor level order?

```
#boxplot(data = data_highschool_fct, absences ~ fct_reorder(grade, absences))
data_highschool_fct %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = fct_reorder(grade, absences),
                        y = absences)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```



# Descending factor order

```
#boxplot(data = data_highschool_fct, absences ~ fct_reorder(grade, absences, .desc = TRUE))  
data_highschool_fct %>%  
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = fct_reorder(grade, absences, .desc = TRUE),  
                        y = absences)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



# Claculations with reoder

```
data_highschool_fct %>% group_by(grade) %>% summarise(mean = mean(absences))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2
##   grade      mean
##   <fct>    <dbl>
## 1 Freshman    4
## 2 Sophmore   2.62
## 3 Junior      2
## 4 Senior     3.12
```

```
data_highschool_fct$grade <- fct_reorder(data_highschool_fct$grade,
                                         data_highschool_fct$absences,
                                         .desc = TRUE)
```

```
data_highschool_fct %>% group_by(grade) %>% summarise(mean = mean(absences))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2
##   grade      mean
##   <fct>    <dbl>
## 1 Freshman    4
## 2 Senior     3.12
## 3 Sophmore   2.62
## 4 Junior      2
```