

Getting / cleaning data 2

Tidy data

All of the material in this section comes directly from Hadley Wickham's paper on tidy data. You will need to read this paper to prepare for the quiz on this section.

Characteristics of tidy data

Characteristics of tidy data are:

1. Each variable forms a column.
2. Each observation forms a row.
3. Each type of observational unit forms a table.

Getting your data into a “tidy” format makes it easier to model and plot. By taking the time to tidy your data at the start of an analysis, you will save yourself time, and make it easier to plan out, later steps.

Five common problems

Here are five common problems that Hadley Wickham has identified that keep data from being tidy:

1. Column headers are values, not variable names.
2. Multiple variables are stored in one column.
3. Variables are stored in both rows and columns.
4. Multiple types of observational units are stored in the same table.
5. A single observational unit is stored in multiple tables.

In the following slides, I'll give examples of each of these problems.

Five common problems

(1.) Column headers are values, not variable names.

religion	<\$10k	\$10-20k	\$20-30k	\$30-40k	\$40-50k	\$50-75k
Agnostic	27	34	60	81	76	137
Atheist	12	27	37	52	35	70
Buddhist	27	21	30	34	33	58
Catholic	418	617	732	670	638	1116
Don't know/refused	15	14	15	11	10	35
Evangelical Prot	575	869	1064	982	881	1486
Hindu	1	9	7	9	11	34
Historically Black Prot	228	244	236	238	197	223
Jehovah's Witness	20	27	24	24	21	30
Jewish	19	19	25	25	30	95

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Solution:

religion	income	freq
Agnostic	<\$10k	27
Agnostic	\$10-20k	34
Agnostic	\$20-30k	60
Agnostic	\$30-40k	81
Agnostic	\$40-50k	76
Agnostic	\$50-75k	137
Agnostic	\$75-100k	122
Agnostic	\$100-150k	109
Agnostic	>150k	84
Agnostic	Don't know/refused	96

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(2.) Multiple variables are stored in one column.

country	year	column	cases
AD	2000	m014	0
AD	2000	m1524	0
AD	2000	m2534	1
AD	2000	m3544	0
AD	2000	m4554	0
AD	2000	m5564	0
AD	2000	m65	0
AE	2000	m014	2
AE	2000	m1524	4
AE	2000	m2534	4
AE	2000	m3544	6
AE	2000	m4554	5
AE	2000	m5564	12
AE	2000	m65	10
AE	2000	f014	3

Five common problems

Solution:

country	year	sex	age	cases
AD	2000	m	0-14	0
AD	2000	m	15-24	0
AD	2000	m	25-34	1
AD	2000	m	35-44	0
AD	2000	m	45-54	0
AD	2000	m	55-64	0
AD	2000	m	65+	0
AE	2000	m	0-14	2
AE	2000	m	15-24	4
AE	2000	m	25-34	4
AE	2000	m	35-44	6
AE	2000	m	45-54	5
AE	2000	m	55-64	12
AE	2000	m	65+	10
AE	2000	f	0-14	3

Five common problems

(3.) Variables are stored in both rows and columns.

id	year	month	element	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6	d7	d8
MX17004	2010	1	tmax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	1	tmin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	2	tmax	—	27.3	24.1	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	2	tmin	—	14.4	14.4	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	3	tmax	—	—	—	—	32.1	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	3	tmin	—	—	—	—	14.2	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	4	tmax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	4	tmin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	5	tmax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	5	tmin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Five common problems

Solution:

id	date	element	value
MX17004	2010-01-30	tmax	27.8
MX17004	2010-01-30	tmin	14.5
MX17004	2010-02-02	tmax	27.3
MX17004	2010-02-02	tmin	14.4
MX17004	2010-02-03	tmax	24.1
MX17004	2010-02-03	tmin	14.4
MX17004	2010-02-11	tmax	29.7
MX17004	2010-02-11	tmin	13.4
MX17004	2010-02-23	tmax	29.9
MX17004	2010-02-23	tmin	10.7

id	date	tmax	tmin
MX17004	2010-01-30	27.8	14.5
MX17004	2010-02-02	27.3	14.4
MX17004	2010-02-03	24.1	14.4
MX17004	2010-02-11	29.7	13.4
MX17004	2010-02-23	29.9	10.7
MX17004	2010-03-05	32.1	14.2
MX17004	2010-03-10	34.5	16.8
MX17004	2010-03-16	31.1	17.6
MX17004	2010-04-27	36.3	16.7
MX17004	2010-05-27	33.2	18.2

Five common problems

(4.) Multiple types of observational units are stored in the same table.

year	artist	time	track	date	week	rank
2000	2 Pac	4:22	Baby Don't Cry	2000-02-26	1	87
2000	2 Pac	4:22	Baby Don't Cry	2000-03-04	2	82
2000	2 Pac	4:22	Baby Don't Cry	2000-03-11	3	72
2000	2 Pac	4:22	Baby Don't Cry	2000-03-18	4	77
2000	2 Pac	4:22	Baby Don't Cry	2000-03-25	5	87
2000	2 Pac	4:22	Baby Don't Cry	2000-04-01	6	94
2000	2 Pac	4:22	Baby Don't Cry	2000-04-08	7	99
2000	2Ge+her	3:15	The Hardest Part Of ...	2000-09-02	1	91
2000	2Ge+her	3:15	The Hardest Part Of ...	2000-09-09	2	87
2000	2Ge+her	3:15	The Hardest Part Of ...	2000-09-16	3	92
2000	3 Doors Down	3:53	Kryptonite	2000-04-08	1	81
2000	3 Doors Down	3:53	Kryptonite	2000-04-15	2	70
2000	3 Doors Down	3:53	Kryptonite	2000-04-22	3	68
2000	3 Doors Down	3:53	Kryptonite	2000-04-29	4	67
2000	3 Doors Down	3:53	Kryptonite	2000-05-06	5	66

Five common problems

Solution:

id	artist	track	time	id	date	rank
1	2 Pac	Baby Don't Cry	4:22	1	2000-02-26	87
2	2Ge+her	The Hardest Part Of ...	3:15	1	2000-03-04	82
3	3 Doors Down	Kryptonite	3:53	1	2000-03-11	72
4	3 Doors Down	Loser	4:24	1	2000-03-18	77
5	504 Boyz	Wobble Wobble	3:35	1	2000-03-25	87
6	98~0	Give Me Just One Nig...	3:24	1	2000-04-01	94
7	A*Teens	Dancing Queen	3:44	1	2000-04-08	99
8	Aaliyah	I Don't Wanna	4:15	2	2000-09-02	91
9	Aaliyah	Try Again	4:03	2	2000-09-09	87
10	Adams, Yolanda	Open My Heart	5:30	2	2000-09-16	92
11	Adkins, Trace	More	3:05	3	2000-04-08	81
12	Aguilera, Christina	Come On Over Baby	3:38	3	2000-04-15	70
13	Aguilera, Christina	I Turn To You	4:00	3	2000-04-22	68
14	Aguilera, Christina	What A Girl Wants	3:18	3	2000-04-29	67
15	Alice Deejay	Better Off Alone	6:50	3	2000-05-06	66

Five common problems

(5.) A single observational unit is stored in multiple tables.

Example: exposure and outcome data stored in different files:

- File 1: Daily mortality counts
- File 2: Daily air pollution measurements

We'll take a break now to do the In-Course Exercises (Section 6.4.1).

Joining datasets

Joining datasets

So far, you have only worked with a single data source at a time. When you work on your own projects, however, you typically will need to merge together two or more datasets to create the a data frame to answer your research question.

For example, for air pollution epidemiology, you will often have to join several datasets:

- Health outcome data (e.g., number of deaths per day)
- Air pollution concentrations
- Weather measurements (since weather can be a confounder)
- Demographic data

`*_join` functions

The `dplyr` package has a family of different functions to join two dataframes together, the `*_join` family of functions. All combine two dataframes, which I'll call `x` and `y` here.

The functions include:

- `inner_join(x, y)`: Keep only rows where there are observations in both `x` and `y`.
- `left_join(x, y)`: Keep all rows from `x`, whether they have a match in `y` or not.
- `right_join(x, y)`: Keep all rows from `y`, whether they have a match in `x` or not.
- `full_join(x, y)`: Keep all rows from both `x` and `y`, whether they have a match in the other dataset or not.

*_join functions

In the examples, I'll use two datasets, x and y. Both datasets include the column course. The other column in x is grade, while the other column in y is day. Observations exist for courses x and y in both datasets, but for w and z in only one dataset.

```
x <- data.frame(course = c("x", "y", "z"),  
                grade = c(90, 82, 78))  
y <- data.frame(course = c("w", "x", "y"),  
                day = c("Tues", "Mon / Fri", "Tue"))
```

*_join functions

Here is what these two example datasets look like:

x

```
##   course grade
## 1      x    90
## 2      y    82
## 3      z    78
```

y

```
##   course      day
## 1      w      Tues
## 2      x Mon / Fri
## 3      y      Tue
```

*_join functions

With `inner_join`, you'll only get the observations that show up in both datasets. That means you'll lose data on `z` (only in the first dataset) and `w` (only in the second dataset).

```
inner_join(x, y)
```

```
## Joining, by = "course"
```

```
##   course grade      day
## 1      x    90 Mon / Fri
## 2      y    82      Tue
```

*_join functions

With `left_join`, you'll keep everything in `x` (the “left” dataset), but not keep things in `y` that don't match something in `x`. That means that, here, you'll lose `w`:

```
left_join(x, y)
```

```
## Joining, by = "course"
```

```
##   course grade      day
## 1      x    90 Mon / Fri
## 2      y    82      Tue
## 3      z    78     <NA>
```

*_join functions

`right_join` is the opposite– you keep all observations in the “right” dataframe, but only matching ones in the “left” dataframe:

```
right_join(x, y)
```

```
## Joining, by = "course"
```

```
##   course grade      day
## 1      w    NA      Tues
## 2      x    90 Mon / Fri
## 3      y    82      Tue
```

*_join functions

`full_join` keeps everything from both datasets:

```
full_join(x, y)
```

```
## Joining, by = "course"
```

```
##   course grade      day
## 1      x    90 Mon / Fri
## 2      y    82      Tue
## 3      z    78    <NA>
## 4      w    NA    Tues
```


*_join functions

For some more complex examples of using join, I'll use these example datasets:

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##   course grade student
##   <chr> <dbl>   <chr>
## 1      x     92      a
## 2      x     90      b
## 3      y     82      a
## 4      z     78      b
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##   class      day student
##   <chr>    <chr>   <chr>
## 1      w    Tues      a
## 2      x Mon / Fri      a
## 3      x Mon / Fri      b
## 4      y     Tue      a
```

*_join functions

If you have two datasets you want to join, but the column names for the joining column are different, you can use the `by` argument:

```
full_join(x, y, by = list(x = "course", y = "class"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 x 5
```

```
##   course grade student.x      day student.y
##   <chr> <dbl>   <chr>    <chr>    <chr>
## 1     x    92      a Mon / Fri      a
## 2     x    92      a Mon / Fri      b
## 3     x    90      b Mon / Fri      a
## 4     x    90      b Mon / Fri      b
## 5     y    82      a      Tue      a
## 6     z    78      b    <NA>    <NA>
## 7     w    NA    <NA>    Tues      a
```

A few things to note about this example:

- The joining column name for the “left” dataframe (x in this case) is used as the column name for the joined data
- `student` was a column name in both x and y. If we’re not using it to join the data, the column names are changed in the joined data to `student.x` and `student.y`.
- Values are recycled for rows where there were multiple matches across the dataframe (e.g., rows for course “x”)

*_join functions

Sometimes, you will want to join by more than one column. In this example data, it would make sense to join the data by matching both course and student. You can do this by using a vector of all columns to join on:

```
full_join(x, y, by = list(x = c("course", "student"),  
                           y = c("class", "student")))
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 4  
##   course grade student      day  
##   <chr> <dbl>   <chr>   <chr>  
## 1      x    92      a Mon / Fri  
## 2      x    90      b Mon / Fri  
## 3      y    82      a      Tue  
## 4      z    78      b    <NA>  
## 5      w    NA      a    Tues
```

We'll take a break now to do the In-Course Exercises (Section 6.4.2).

Gathering

There are two functions from the `tidyr` package (another member of the `tidyverse`) that you can use to change between wide and long data: `gather` and `spread`.

Here is a description of these two functions:

- `gather`: Take several columns and gather them into two columns, one with the former column names, and one with the former cell values
- `spread`: Take two columns and spread them into multiple columns. Column names for the new columns will come from one of the two original columns, while cell values will come from the other of the original columns.

The following examples are from `tidyr` help files and show the effects of gathering and spreading a dataset.

Here is some wide data:

```
wide_stocks[1:3, ]
```

##		time	X	Y	Z
## 1	2009-01-01	-2.8243006	0.9696931	1.8201366	
## 2	2009-01-02	0.8160466	-0.8694440	-0.9515015	
## 3	2009-01-03	-0.2511636	-0.7601487	7.3406506	

In the `wide_stocks` dataset, there are separate columns for three different stocks (X, Y, and Z). Each cell gives the value for a certain stock on a certain day.

This data isn't "tidy", because the identify of the stock (X, Y, or Z) is a variable, and you'll probably want to include it as a variable in modeling.

```
wide_stocks[1:3, ]
```

##		time	X	Y	Z
## 1	2009-01-01	-2.8243006	0.9696931	1.8201366	
## 2	2009-01-02	0.8160466	-0.8694440	-0.9515015	
## 3	2009-01-03	-0.2511636	-0.7601487	7.3406506	

gather / spread

If you want to convert the dataframe to have all stock values in a single column, you can use `gather` to convert wide data to long data:

```
long_stocks <- gather(wide_stocks, key = stock,  
                      value = price, -time)  
long_stocks[1:5, ]
```

##		time	stock	price
## 1		2009-01-01	X	-2.82430057
## 2		2009-01-02	X	0.81604658
## 3		2009-01-03	X	-0.25116364
## 4		2009-01-04	X	0.07402797
## 5		2009-01-05	X	0.79769831

In this “long” dataframe, there is now one column that gives the identify of the stock (stock) and another column that gives the price of that stock that day (price):

```
long_stocks[1:5, ]
```

##		time	stock	price
## 1	2009-01-01	X	-2.82430057	
## 2	2009-01-02	X	0.81604658	
## 3	2009-01-03	X	-0.25116364	
## 4	2009-01-04	X	0.07402797	
## 5	2009-01-05	X	0.79769831	

gather / spread

The format for a gather call is:

```
## Generic code
new_df <- gather(old_df,
                  key = [name of column with old column names],
                  value = [name of column with cell values],
                  - [name of column(s) you want to
                     exclude from gather])
```

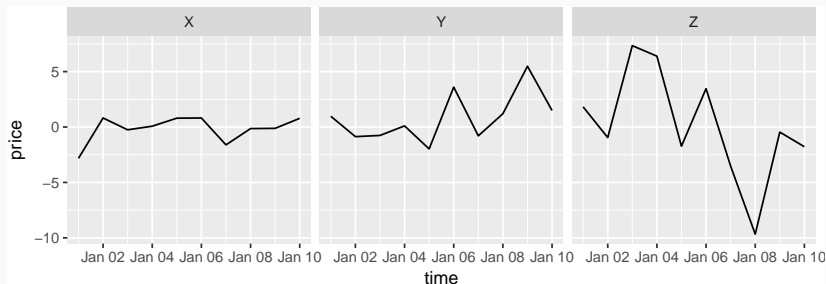
Three important notes:

- Everything is gathered into one of two columns– one column with the old column names, and one column with the old cell values
- With the key and value arguments, you are just providing column names for the two columns that everything's gathered into.
- If there is a column you don't want to gather (date in the example), use - to exclude it in the gather call.

gather / spread

Notice how easy it is, now that the data is gathered, to use `stock` for aesthetics of faceting in a `ggplot2` call:

```
ggplot(long_stocks, aes(x = time, y = price)) +  
  geom_line() +  
  facet_grid(. ~ stock)
```



gather / spread

If you have data in a “long” format and would like to spread it out, you can use `spread` to do that:

```
stocks <- spread(long_stocks, key = stock, value = price)
stocks[1:5, ]
```

##		time	X	Y	Z
## 1		2009-01-01	-2.82430057	0.9696931	1.8201366
## 2		2009-01-02	0.81604658	-0.8694440	-0.9515015
## 3		2009-01-03	-0.25116364	-0.7601487	7.3406506
## 4		2009-01-04	0.07402797	0.1018718	6.3917621
## 5		2009-01-05	0.79769831	-1.9768964	-1.7248531

Notice that this reverses the action of `gather`.

“Spread” data is typically not tidy, so you often won’t want to use spread when you are preparing data for analysis. However, spread can be very helpful in creating clean tables for final reports and presentations.

gather / spread

For example, if you wanted to create a table with means and standard deviations for each of the three stocks, you could use `spread` to rearrange the final summary to create an attractive table.

```
stock_summary <- long_stocks %>%  
  group_by(stock) %>%  
  summarize(N = n(), mean = mean(price), sd = sd(price))  
stock_summary
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 4  
##   stock      N      mean      sd  
##   <chr> <int>    <dbl>    <dbl>  
## 1     X    10 -0.16655770 1.200821  
## 2     Y    10  0.84371859 2.269456  
## 3     Z    10  0.09076579 4.978222
```



```

stock_summary %>%
  mutate("Mean (Std.dev.)" = paste0(round(mean, 2), " (",
                                     round(sd, 2), ")")) %>%

  select(- mean, - sd) %>%
  gather(key = "Statistic", value = "Value", -stock) %>%
  spread(key = stock, value = Value) %>%
  knitr::kable()

```

Statistic	X	Y	Z
Mean (Std.dev.)	-0.17 (1.2)	0.84 (2.27)	0.09 (4.98)
N	10	10	10

More with dplyr

So far, you've used several dplyr functions:

- `rename`
- `filter`
- `select`
- `mutate`
- `group_by`
- `summarize`

Some other useful dplyr functions to add to your toolbox are:

- `separate` and `unite`
- `mutate` with `group_by`

slice

If you want to pull out only a few rows of the data, you can use `slice`.

```
nepali %>%  
  slice(1:3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 9  
##       id    sex    wt    ht  mage   lit  died  alive  age  
##   <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int>  
## 1 120011     1  12.8  91.2   35     0     2     5   41  
## 2 120011     1  12.8  93.9   35     0     2     5   45  
## 3 120011     1  13.1  95.2   35     0     2     5   49
```

Note: This function is very similar to `head`– it will filter the dataset down to only the first few rows. You could have achieved the same thing with `head(nepali, 3)` or `nepali[1:3,]`.

slice

You can also group by a factor first using `group_by`. Then, when you use `slice`, you will get the first few rows for each level of the group.

```
nepali %>%  
  group_by(sex) %>%  
  slice(1:2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 9  
## # Groups:   sex [2]  
##       id    sex    wt    ht  mage    lit  died  alive    age  
##   <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int>  
## 1 120011     1  12.8  91.2   35     0     2     5    41  
## 2 120011     1  12.8  93.9   35     0     2     5    45  
## 3 120012     2  14.9 103.9   35     0     2     5    57  
## 4 120012     2  15.1 106.5   35     0     2     5    61
```

arrange

You can use `arrange` to re-order the data by one of the variables:

```
nepali %>% arrange(ht) %>% slice(1:6)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 9
```

##		id	sex	wt	ht	mage	lit	died	alive	age
##		<int>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<int>	<int>	<int>	<int>	<int>
##	1	120681	1	4.1	52.4	28	0	0	3	1
##	2	120691	2	3.8	52.9	26	0	0	3	4
##	3	360471	1	3.8	53.6	30	0	2	8	1
##	4	120411	1	4.1	54.1	20	0	0	2	2
##	5	120381	1	4.1	54.7	24	0	0	3	2
##	6	360571	1	4.6	55.7	18	0	0	1	3

arrange

The default is to arrange from lowest to highest. To order from highest to lowest instead, use `arrange` with the function `desc` (for “descending”):

```
nepali %>%  
  arrange(desc(ht)) %>%  
  slice(1:4)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 9  
##       id    sex    wt    ht  mage   lit  died alive  age  
##   <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int>  
## 1 360791     2  17.5 110.7   32     0     0     5   68  
## 2 120112     2  17.0 110.6   52     0     0     8   68  
## 3 520051     2  17.5 109.9   27     0     0     4   61  
## 4 360302     1  16.8 109.7   32     0     1     5   74
```

arrange

You can use `arrange` with multiple columns. The data will be sorted first by the first variable listed (`id` here), then by the next listed variable (`ht`), etc.

```
nepali %>%  
  arrange(id, desc(ht)) %>%  
  slice(1:7)
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 x 9
```

##		id	sex	wt	ht	mage	lit	died	alive	age
##		<int>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<int>	<int>	<int>	<int>	<int>
##	1	120011	1	13.8	96.9	35	0	2	5	53
##	2	120011	1	13.1	95.2	35	0	2	5	49
##	3	120011	1	12.8	93.9	35	0	2	5	45
##	4	120011	1	12.8	91.2	35	0	2	5	41
##	5	120011	1	NA	NA	35	0	2	5	57
##	6	120012	2	16.2	108.7	35	0	2	5	69
##	7	120012	2	15.8	107.9	35	0	2	5	65

arrange

You can also group by a factor before arranging. In this case, all data for the first level of the factor will show up first, in the order given in `arrange`, then all data from the second level will show up in the specified order, etc.

```
nepali %>%  
  group_by(sex) %>%  
  arrange(desc(ht)) %>%  
  slice(1:2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 9  
## # Groups:   sex [2]  
##      id    sex    wt    ht  mage   lit  died alive   age  
##   <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int>  
## 1 360302     1  16.8 109.7   32     0     1     5    74  
## 2 360392     1  17.2 108.9   35     0     1     7    70  
## 3 360791     2  17.5 110.7   32     0     0     5    68  
## 4 120112     2  17.0 110.6   52     0     0     8    68
```

separate

Sometimes, you want to take one column and split it into two columns. For example, you may have information for two variables in one column:

```
ebola
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 1
##       ebola_key
##       <chr>
## 1 Liberia_Cases
## 2 Liberia_Deaths
## 3 Spain_Cases
## 4 Spain_Deaths
```

separate

If you have a consistent “split” character, you can use the `separate` function to split one column into two:

```
ebola %>%  
  separate(col = ebola_key, into = c("country", "outcome"),  
           sep = "_")
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2  
##   country outcome  
## *   <chr>   <chr>  
## 1 Liberia   Cases  
## 2 Liberia   Deaths  
## 3  Spain    Cases  
## 4  Spain    Deaths
```

separate

Here is the generic code for separate:

```
## Generic code
separate([dataframe],
         col = [name of the single column you want to split],
         into = [vector of the names of the columns
                 you want to create],
         sep = [the character that designates where
                 you want to split])
```

separate

The default is to drop the original column and only keep the columns into which it was split. However, you can use the argument `remove = FALSE` to keep the first column, as well:

```
ebola %>%  
  separate(col = ebola_key, into = c("country", "outcome"),  
           sep = "_", remove = FALSE)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3  
##       ebola_key country outcome  
## *      <chr>    <chr>    <chr>  
## 1 Liberia_Cases Liberia   Cases  
## 2 Liberia_Deaths Liberia  Deaths  
## 3 Spain_Cases   Spain    Cases  
## 4 Spain_Deaths  Spain    Deaths
```

separate

You can use the `fill` argument (`fill = "right"` or `fill = "left"`) to control what happens when there are some observations that do not have the split character.

For example, say your original column looked like this:

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 1
##       ebola_key
##       <chr>
## 1 Liberia_Cases
## 2      Liberia
## 3   Spain_Cases
## 4   Spain_Deaths
```

separate

You can use `fill = "right"` to set how to split observations like the second one, where there is no separator character ("`_`"):

```
ebola %>%  
  separate(col = ebola_key, into = c("country", "outcome"),  
           sep = "_", fill = "right")
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2  
##   country outcome  
## *   <chr>   <chr>  
## 1 Liberia   Cases  
## 2 Liberia   <NA>  
## 3  Spain    Cases  
## 4  Spain    Deaths
```

The `unite` function does the reverse of the `separate` function: it lets you join several columns into a single column. For example, say you have data where year, month, and day are split into different columns:

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##   year month   day
##   <dbl> <dbl> <int>
## 1  2016     10     1
## 2  2016     10     2
## 3  2016     10     3
## 4  2016     10     4
```


You can use `unite` to join these into a single column:

```
date_example %>%  
  unite(col = date, year, month, day, sep = "-")
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 1  
##       date  
## *    <chr>  
## 1 2016-10-1  
## 2 2016-10-2  
## 3 2016-10-3  
## 4 2016-10-4
```

If the columns you want to unite are in a row (and in the right order), you can use the `:` syntax with `unite`:

```
date_example %>%  
  unite(col = date, year:day, sep = "-")
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 1  
##       date  
## *    <chr>  
## 1 2016-10-1  
## 2 2016-10-2  
## 3 2016-10-3  
## 4 2016-10-4
```

Grouping with `mutate` versus `summarize`

So far, we have never used `mutate` with grouping.

You can use `mutate` after grouping— unlike `summarize`, the data will not be collapsed to fewer columns, but the summaries created by `mutate` will be added within each group.

For example, if you wanted to add the mean height and weight by sex to the `nepali` dataset, you could do that with `group_by` and `mutate` (see next slide).

Grouping with mutate versus summarize

```
nepali %>%  
  group_by(sex) %>%  
  mutate(mean_ht = mean(ht, na.rm = TRUE),  
         mean_wt = mean(wt, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%  
  slice(1:3) %>% select(id, sex, wt, ht, mean_ht, mean_wt)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 6  
## # Groups:   sex [2]  
##       id    sex    wt    ht mean_ht mean_wt  
##   <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>  
## 1 120011     1  12.8  91.2 85.69099 11.42264  
## 2 120011     1  12.8  93.9 85.69099 11.42264  
## 3 120011     1  13.1  95.2 85.69099 11.42264  
## 4 120012     2  14.9 103.9 84.60900 10.93602  
## 5 120012     2  15.1 106.5 84.60900 10.93602  
## 6 120012     2  15.8 107.9 84.60900 10.93602
```

There are also some special functions that work well with `mutate`:

- `lead`: Measured value for following observation
- `lag`: Measured value for previous observation
- `cumsum`: Sum of all values up to this point
- `cummax`: Highest value up to this point
- `cumany`: For TRUE / FALSE, have any been TRUE up to this point

More on mutate

Here is an example of using lead and lag with mutate:

```
library(lubridate)
date_example %>%
  unite(col = date, year:day, sep = "-") %>%
  mutate(date = ymd(date),
         yesterday = lag(date),
         tomorrow = lead(date))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##       date yesterday tomorrow
##   <date>   <date>   <date>
## 1 2016-10-01      NA 2016-10-02
## 2 2016-10-02 2016-10-01 2016-10-03
## 3 2016-10-03 2016-10-02 2016-10-04
## 4 2016-10-04 2016-10-03      NA
```

Tidying with dplyr

VADeaths data

For this example, I'll use the VADeaths dataset that comes with R.

This dataset gives the death rates per 1,000 people in Virginia in 1940. It gives death rates by age, gender, and rural / urban:

```
data("VADeaths")
```

```
VADeaths
```

##	Rural	Male	Rural	Female	Urban	Male	Urban	Female
## 50-54		11.7		8.7		15.4		8.4
## 55-59		18.1		11.7		24.3		13.6
## 60-64		26.9		20.3		37.0		19.3
## 65-69		41.0		30.9		54.6		35.1
## 70-74		66.0		54.3		71.1		50.0

There are a few things that make this data untidy:

- One variable (age category) is saved as row names, rather than a column.
- Other variables (gender, rural / urban) are in column names.
- Once you gather the data, you will have two variables (gender, rural / urban) in the same column.

In the following slides, we'll walk through how to tidy this data.

Tidying the VADeaths data

1. One variable (age category) is saved as row names, rather than a column.

To fix this, we need to convert the row names into a new column. We can do this using `mutate`:

```
VADeaths %>%  
  as.data.frame() %>% ## Convert from matrix to dataframe  
  mutate(age = rownames(VADeaths))
```

##	Rural Male	Rural Female	Urban Male	Urban Female	age
## 1	11.7	8.7	15.4	8.4	50-54
## 2	18.1	11.7	24.3	13.6	55-59
## 3	26.9	20.3	37.0	19.3	60-64
## 4	41.0	30.9	54.6	35.1	65-69
## 5	66.0	54.3	71.1	50.0	70-74

Tidying the VADeaths data

- Two variables (gender, rural / urban) are in column names.

Gather the data to convert column names to a new column:

```
VADeaths %>%  
  as.data.frame() %>%  
  mutate(age = rownames(VADeaths)) %>%  
  gather(key = gender_loc, value = mort_rate, - age) %>%  
  slice(1:4)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3  
##   age gender_loc mort_rate  
##   <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>  
## 1 50-54 Rural Male      11.7  
## 2 55-59 Rural Male      18.1  
## 3 60-64 Rural Male      26.9  
## 4 65-69 Rural Male      41.0
```

Tidying the VADeaths data

- Two variables (gender, rural / urban) in the same column.

Separate the column into two separate columns for “gender” and “loc” (rural / urban):

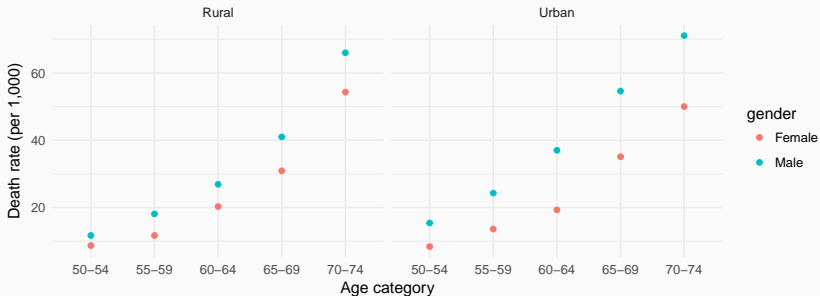
```
VADeaths %>%  
  as.data.frame() %>%  
  mutate(age = rownames(VADeaths)) %>%  
  gather(key = gender_loc, value = mort_rate, - age) %>%  
  separate(col = gender_loc, into = c("gender", "loc"),  
           sep = " ") %>%  
  slice(1:4)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 4  
##   age gender  loc mort_rate  
##   <chr> <chr> <chr>     <dbl>  
## 1 50-54 Rural Male      11.7  
## 2 55-59 Rural Male      18.1
```

Tidying the VADeaths data

Now that the data is tidy, it's much easier to plot:

```
ggplot(VADeaths, aes(x = age, y = mort_rate,  
                      color = gender)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  facet_wrap( ~ loc, ncol = 2) +  
  xlab("Age category") + ylab("Death rate (per 1,000)") +  
  theme_minimal()
```

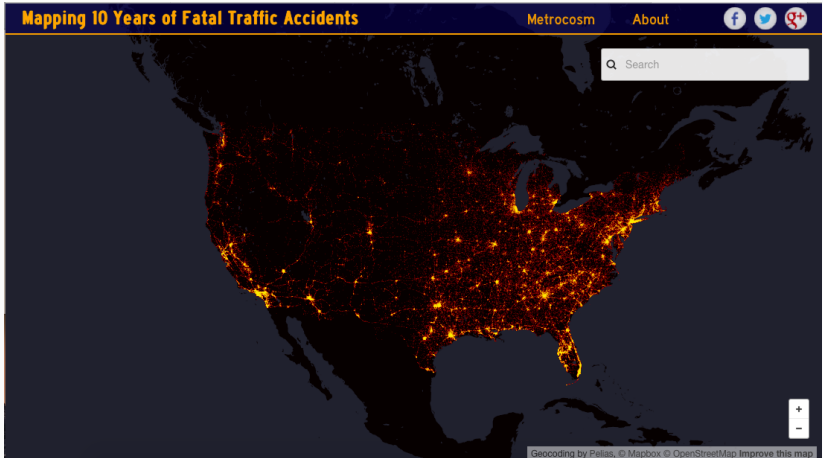


FARS data

The US Department of Transportation runs the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), which gathers data on all fatal motor vehicle accidents. Here is a description from their documentation:

- Motor vehicle on a public road
- Resulted in a death within 30 days of the crash
- Includes crashes in the 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico

FARS data

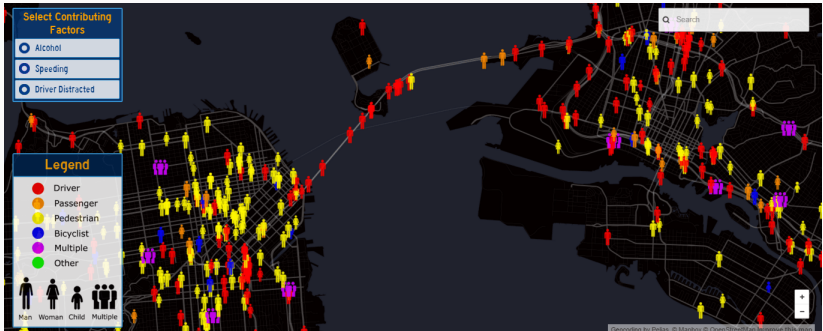


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FARS data



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