

# Assignment - 1 : Tidy With Tidyr

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## 1 Library

```
library(tidyr)
library(tidyverse)
library(ggplot2)
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## 2 Exercises

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Q.1. Using prose, describe how the variables and observations are organized in each of the sample tables.

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Ans:  
table1

A tibble: 6 x 4

Index	country	year	cases	population
int	chr	int	int	int
1	Afghanistan	1999	745	19987071
2	Afghanistan	2000	2666	20595360
3	Brazil	1999	37737	172006362
4	Brazil	2000	80488	174504898
5	China	1999	212258	1272915272
6	China	2000	213766	1280428583

table2

A tibble: 12 x 4

Index	country	year	type	count
int	chr	int	chr	int
1	Afghanistan	1999	cases	745
2	Afghanistan	1999	population	19987071
3	Afghanistan	2000	cases	2666
4	Afghanistan	2000	population	20595360
5	Brazil	1999	cases	37737
6	Brazil	1999	population	172006362
7	Brazil	2000	cases	80488
8	Brazil	2000	population	174504898

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9 China 1999 cases 212258
10 China 1999 population 1272915272
11 China 2000 cases 213766
12 China 2000 population 1280428583
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table3

A tibble: 6 x 3

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Index country year rate
int   chr     int   chr
1 Afghanistan 1999 745/19987071
2 Afghanistan 2000 2666/20595360
3 Brazil 1999 37737/172006362
4 Brazil 2000 80488/174504898
5 China 1999 212258/1272915272
6 China 2000 213766/1280428583
```

table4a

A tibble: 3 x 3

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Index country '1999' '2000'
int   chr     int   int
1 Afghanistan 745 2666
2 Brazil 37737 80488
3 China 212258 213766
```

table4b

A tibble: 3 x 3

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Index country '1999' '2000'
int   chr     int   int
1 Afghanistan 19987071 20595360
2 Brazil 172006362 174504898
3 China 1272915272 1280428583
```

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Q.2 Compute the rate for table2, and table4a + table4b. You will need to perform four operations:

- Extract the number of TB cases per country per year.
- Extract the matching population per country per year.
- Divide cases by population, and multiply by 10000.
- Store back in the appropriate place.
- Which representation is easiest to work with? Which is hardest? Why?

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Ans:

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Q.3 Re-create the plot showing change in cases over time using table2 instead of table1. What do you need to do first?

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Ans:

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Q.4. Why are `gather()` and `spread()` not perfectly symmetrical?

Carefully consider the following example:

```
stocks <- tibble(
  year = c(2015, 2015, 2016, 2016),
  half = c( 1, 2, 1, 2),
  return = c(1.88, 0.59, 0.92, 0.17)
)
stocks >-> spread(year, return) %>-> gather("year", "return", `2015`:`2016`)
```

(Hint: look at the variable types and think about column names.) Both `spread()` and `gather()` have a `convert` argument. What does it do?

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Ans:

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Q.5. Why does this code fail?

```
table4a %>-> gather(1999, 2000, key = "year", value = "cases")
Error in eval(expr, envir, enclos):
Position must be between 0 and n
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Ans:

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Q.6. Why does spreading this tibble fail? How could you add a new column to fix the problem?

```
people <- tribble(
  ~name, key, value,
  ~"Phillip Woods", "age", 45,
  ~"Phillip Woods", "height", 186,
  ~"Phillip Woods", "age", 50,
  ~"Jessica Cordero", "age", 37,
  ~"Jessica Cordero", "height", 156
)
```

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Ans:

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Q.7. Tidy this simple tibble. Do you need to spread or gather it? What are the variables?

```
preg <- tribble(
  ~pregnant, male, female,
  ~"yes", NA, 10,
  ~"no", 20, 12
)
```

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Ans:

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Q.8. What do the `extra` and `fill` arguments do in `separate()`?

Experiment with the various options for the following two toy datasets:

```
tibble(x = c("a,b,c", "d,e,f,g", "h,i,j")) %>-> separate(x, c("one", "two", "three"))
tibble(x = c("a,b,c", "d,e", "f,g,i")) %>-> separate(x, c("one", "two", "three"))
```

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Ans:

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Q.9.. Both `unite()` and `separate()` have a `remove` argument. What does it do? Why would you

set it to FALSE?

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Ans:

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Q.10. Compare and contrast `separate()` and `extract()`. Why are there three variations of separation (by position, by separator, and with groups), but only one unite?

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Ans:

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Q.11. Compare and contrast the fill arguments to `spread()` and `complete()`.

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Ans:

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Q.12. What does the direction argument to `fill()` do?

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Ans:

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Q.13 In this case study I set `na.rm = TRUE` just to make it easier to check that we had the correct values. Is this reasonable?

Think about how missing values are represented in this dataset. Are there implicit missing values? What's the difference between an NA and zero?

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Ans:

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Q.14. What happens if you neglect the `mutate()` step?

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Ans:

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Q.15. I claimed that `iso2` and `iso3` were redundant with `country`. Confirm this claim.

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Ans:

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Q.16. For each country, year, and sex compute the total number of cases of TB. Make an informative visualization of the data.

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Ans:

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