# Manipulate data frame

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### Revisit Data frame

- A "data matrix" or a "data set"
  - it likes a matrix (rectangular grid)
  - But unlike matrix, different columns can be of different types
  - Row names have to be unique
- >alphabet<-data.frame(index=1:26, symbol=LETTERS)
- read.table() reads file into a data frame
- Access var in a dataset: \$, attach(), with()
  - >library(ISwR) #load the package that provides thuesen data >data(thuesen) >attach(thuesen)
  - >data(thuesen)
  - >range(blood.glucose) >names(thuesen) #variable names
  - > blood.glucose # not visible

- >detach(thuesen)
- >length(thuesen\$blood.glucose)
- >with(thuesen, range(blood.glucose))



## Manipulate data frame

- Indexing of data frames is the same as that of vector and matrix > energy[energy\$stature== "lean",]
- Sorting rows by order()
  - >energy[order(energy\$expend),]
  - >energy[with(energy, order(stature, expend)),]
- Selecting subsets of data by subset()
  - >subset(energy, stature=="lean" & expend>8)
- Splitting data
  - >split(energy\$expend, energy\$stature)

#### Retrieve data in a cell

mpg cyl disp hp drat wt ...
 Mazda RX4 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.62 ...
 Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.88 ...
 Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.32 ...

#### Access by index

```
- > mtcars[1, 2]
[1] 6
```

#### Access by name

```
- > mtcars["Mazda RX4", "cyl"]
[1] 6
```

#### Data frame is a list of vectors with same length

 reference a data frame column with the double square bracket "[[]]" operator.

```
- > mtcars[[1]]
[1] 21.0 21.0 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 ...
```

retrieve the same column vector by its name.

```
- > mtcars[["mpg"]]
  [1] 21.0 21.0 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 ...
```

 retrieve with the "\$" operator in lieu of the double square bracket operator.

```
- > mtcars$mpg
[1] 21.0 21.0 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 ...
```

use the single square bracket "[]" operator

```
- > mtcars[, 'mpg']
[1] 21.0 21.0 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 ...
```



#### **Column Slicing**

> mtcars

```
      mpg cyl disp
      hp drat
      wt ...

      Mazda RX4
      21.0
      6
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      110
      3.90
      2.62
      ...

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      ...

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      2.32
      ...
```

#### Numeric Indexing

```
- > mtcars[1]
```

```
mpg
Mazda RX4 21.0
Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0
Datsun 710 22.8
```

#### Name Indexing

```
- > mtcars["mpg"]
```

```
mpg
Mazda RX4
                    21.0
Mazda RX4 Wag
                    21.0
                    22.8
Datsun 710
                     . . . . . . . . . . . .
> mtcars[c("mpg", "hp")]
                    mpg hp
Mazda RX4
                    21.0 110
Mazda RX4 Wag
                    21.0 110
Datsun 710
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```

#### **Row Slicing**

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#### Logical Indexing

# Introduction to dplyr

- The dplyr package was developed by Hadley Wickham of RStudio and is an optimized and distilled version of his plyr package.
- Provides a "grammar" (in particular, verbs) for data manipulation and for operating on data frames.
- Provides an abstraction for data manipulation that previously did not exist
- dplyr functions are very fast, as many key operations are coded in C++.

# Important dplyr verbs

dplyr verbs	Description
select()	select columns
filter()	filter rows
arrange()	re-order or arrange rows
mutate()	create new columns
summarise()	summarise values
group_by()	allows for group operations in the "split- apply-combine" concept

## **Common dplyr Function Properties**

- The first argument is a <u>data frame</u>.
- The subsequent arguments describe what to do with the data frame specified in the first argument, and you can refer to columns in the data frame directly without using the \$ operator (just use the column names).
- The return result of a function is a new data frame
- Data frames must be properly formatted and annotated for this to all be useful. In particular, the data must be tidy. In short, there should be one observation per row, and each column should represent a feature or characteristic of that observation.

## **Example Data**

- #install.packages("dplyr") install it
- library("dplyr")
- msleep <- read.csv( "msleep\_ggplot2.csv")</li>

# **Data Description**

column name Description

name common name

genus taxonomic rank

vore carnivore, omnivore or herbivore?

order taxonomic rank

conservation the conservation status of the mammal

sleep\_total total amount of sleep, in hours

sleep\_rem rem sleep, in hours

sleep\_cycle length of sleep cycle, in hours

awake amount of time spent awake, in hours

brainwt brain weight in kilograms

bodywt body weight in kilograms

## dplyr verbs in action

select(): selects columns

```
#Select a set of columns: the name and the sleep_total columns.
>sleepData <- select(msleep, name, sleep_total)
>head(sleepData)

# Excluding a specific column, use the "- "
>head(select(msleep, -name))

# select a range of columns by name, use the ":"
>head(select(msleep, name:order))

#select all columns that start with the character string "sl", # use the function starts_with()
> head(select(msleep, starts with("sl")))
```

# Some additional options to select columns

- ends\_with() = Select columns that end with a character string
- contains() = Select columns that contain a character string
- matches() = Select columns that match a regular expression
- one\_of() = Select columns names that are from a group of names

- > head(select(msleep, ends\_with("e")))
- > head(select(msleep, matches("e\$")))
- > head(select(msleep, contains("\_")))
- > head(select(msleep, matches("\_")))
- > head(select(msleep, one\_of("name", "order")))

# Selecting rows using filter()

- filter(mtcars, cyl == 8)
- filter(mtcars, cyl < 6)</li>
- # Multiple criteria
- filter(mtcars, cyl < 6 & vs == 1)</li>
- filter(mtcars, cyl < 6 | vs == 1)</li>
- # Multiple arguments are equivalent to and
- filter(mtcars, cyl < 6, vs == 1) #see ... in ?filter</li>

#### Difference between subset and filter

- They produce the same result
- subset is that it is part of base R and doesn't require any additional packages
- filter is a function of dplyr package
- subset is faster with small sample size
- filter is faster with large sample size (> 15000 records)

## arrange()

- The arrange() function is used to reorder rows of a data frame according to one/some of the variables/columns
- >arrange(mtcars, cyl, disp)
- >arrange(mtcars, desc(disp))

## rename()

- Renaming a variable in a data frame in R is surprisingly hard to do! The rename() function is designed to make this process easier.
- rename(data, new.name=old.name)
- Example
  - rename(mtcars, Weight=wt)
  - rename(mtcars, wt=Weight) #error

## mutate() / transmute()

- mutate() computes transformations of variables in a data frame
- Often, you want to create new variables that are derived from existing variables.
- > head(mutate(msleep, sleep\_total\_min = sleep\_total \* 60))
- transmute() function, the same as mutate() but then *drops all non-transformed variables*.
- > head(transmute(msleep, sleep\_total\_min = sleep\_total \* 60))

# group\_by()

- generate summary statistics from the data frame within strata defined by a variable.
- >by\_cyl <- group\_by(mtcars, cyl)
- >summarise(by\_cyl, mean(disp), mean(hp))
- >by\_vore <- group\_by(msleep, vore)
- > summarise(by\_vore, total=mean(sleep\_total),
  avg\_sleep\_rem=mean(sleep\_rem, na.rm=T))

## Pipe operator %>%

- Passing the result of one step as input for the next step in a sequence of operations.
- Easy to read
- Syntax
  - Ihs %>% rhs # pipe syntax for rhs(lhs)
  - Ihs % > % rhs(a = 1) # pipe syntax for rhs(lhs, a = 1)
  - Ihs %>% rhs(a = 1, b = .) # pipe syntax for rhs(a = 1, b = lhs)
- > third(second(first(x)))

**VS** 

> first(x) %>% second %>% third



# %>% example

- select three columns from msleep, arrange the rows by the taxonomic order and then arrange the rows by sleep\_total.
   Finally show the head of the final data frame
- > msleep %>% select(name, order, sleep\_total) %>% arrange(order, sleep\_total) %>% head
- Same as above, except here we filter the rows for mammals that sleep for 16 or more hours instead of showing the head of the final data frame
- > msleep %>% group\_by(order) %>% summarise(avg\_sleep =
   mean(sleep\_total), min\_sleep = min(sleep\_total), max\_sleep =
   max(sleep\_total), total = n()) # n() (returns the length of vector)

## Summary

- The dplyr package provides a concise set of operations for managing data frames.
- With these functions we can do a number of complex operations in just a few lines of code
- In particular, we can often conduct the beginnings of an exploratory analysis with the powerful combination of group\_by() and summarize().
- dplyr can work with other data frame "backends" such as SQL databases. There is an SQL interface for relational databases via the DBI package
- dplyr can be integrated with the data.table package for large fast tables
- Both simplify and speed up your data frame management code.

## reshape2 package

- Reshape2 is a reboot of the reshape package, also developed by Hadley Wickham
- It makes it easy to transform data between wide and long formats.
- Much more focused and much much faster.
- install.packages("reshape2")

# What makes data wide or long?

Wide data has a column for each variable.

#### Wide-format

#### # ozone wind temp # 1 23.62 11.623 65.55 # 2 29.44 10.267 79.10 # 3 59.12 8.942 83.90 # 4 59.96 8.794 83.97

- Long-format data has a column for possible variable types and a column for the values of those variables.
- Long-format data isn't necessarily only two columns.
- More commonly used than wideformat: ggplot2

#### long-format

```
variable value
# 1
     ozone 23.615
# 2 ozone 29.444
#3
    ozone 59.115
# 4
    ozone 59.962
# 5 wind 11.623
# 6 wind 10.267
# 7 wind 8.942
# 8
     wind 8.794
# 9
     temp 65.548
# 10 temp 79.100
# 11
      temp 83.903
# 12
      temp 83.968
```

# Two major functions

- melt: takes wide-format data and melts it into longformat data.
- cast: takes long-format data and casts it into wideformat data.

Think of working with metal: if you melt metal, it drips and becomes long. If you cast it into a mould, it becomes wide.

### melt

```
names(airquality) <- tolower(names(airquality))
head(airquality)</pre>
```

•By default, melt has assumed that all columns with numeric values are variables with values.

```
aql <- melt(airquality)
head(aql)
tail(aql)</pre>
```

### melt

• Specify "ID variables", the variables that identify individual rows of data.

```
aql <- melt(airquality, id.vars = c("month", "day"))
head(aql)
subset(airquality, month==5 & day==1)
subset(aql, month==5 & day==1)
```

Set column names



#### cast

- <u>dcast</u>: work with data.frame objects; acast: return a vector, matrix, or array
- dcast uses a formula to describe the shape of the data.
- The arguments on the left refer to the ID variables and the arguments on the right refer to the measured variables.
- Coming up with the right formula can take some trial and error at first. So, if you' re stuck don' t feel bad about just experimenting with formulas.

#### cast

```
aql <- melt(airquality, id.vars = c("month", "day"))
aqw <- dcast(aql, month + day ~ variable)
head(aqw)
head(airquality) # original data</pre>
```

id.vars is like the composite key in database

```
dcast formula
               dcast(aql, month + day ~ variable, value.var = "value")
                                            Variable to swing
                          ID variables
                                                               Values
                                           into column names
                                                             (value.var)
                      (left side of formula)
                                          (right side of formula)
                                month day variable value
                                     5
                                                           41
                                                ozone
                                     5
                                                           36
                                                ozone
                                     5
                                                           12
Long-format data
                                                ozone
                                     5
                                          4
                                                           18
                                                ozone
                                     5
                                          5
                                                           NA
                                                ozone
                                     5
                                          6
                                                           28
                                                ozone
                         month day ozone solar.r wind temp
                                                        7.4
                              5
                                         41
                                                  190
                                                               67
                                                  118
                                                       8.0
                                                               72
                                         36
Wide-format data
                                         12
                                                  149 12.6
                                                               74
                              5
                                         18
                                                  313 11.5
                                                               62
                                         NA
                                                   NA 14.3
                                                               56
                                   6
                                                               66
                                         28
                                                   NA 14.9
```

## More than one value per data cell

- One confusing "mistake" you might make is casting a dataset in which there is more than one value per data cell.
- Example:

dcast(aql, month ~ variable)

When you run this in R, you' Il notice the warning message:

# Aggregation function missing: defaulting to length

# Aggregate the data

- dcast(aql, month ~ variable, fun.aggregate = mean, na.rm = TRUE)
- Unlike melt, there are some other fancy things you can do with dcast that I' m not covering here. It' s worth reading the help file ?dcast. For example, you can compute summaries for rows and columns, subset the columns, and fill in missing cells in one call to dcast.

#### Other resources

- http://genomicsclass.github.io/book/pages/dplyr\_tutorial.h tml
- https://github.com/hadley/reshape
- http://seananderson.ca/2013/10/19/reshape.html
- http://had.co.nz/reshape/
- help(package = "reshape2")
- Reshaping data with the reshape package. 21(12):1–20.
   Wickham, H. (2007). <a href="http://www.jstatsoft.org/v21/i12">http://www.jstatsoft.org/v21/i12</a> (But note that the paper is written for the reshape package not the reshape2 package.)